

WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Thursday 2nd June 2011 at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Station Road, Wootton Bassett

PRESENT: Councillors: Susan Doyle, Linda Frost, Owen Gibbs, Mike Leighfield, Bill Roberts and Jenny Stratton.

Officers in Attendance: Johnathan Bourne, Town Clerk

QUESTION TIME

Mr Alan Collins, 7 Lindisfarne, raised a question regarding the Council's progress in respect of land that he and a number of his neighbours have expressed an interest in purchasing. It was understood that Wootton Bassett Town Council had been given first refusal on the land, particularly in view of their aspirations towards the creation of a new allotment site for the Town.

Mr Collins was referred to the Agenda item later during the meeting, where this matter would be discussed.

4. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mary Champion.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007.

RESOLVED to note that no declarations were made.

6. CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESOLVED to note the following announcements:-

- (a) Contract to stabilise the bank at the Civic Centre is now complete with the exception of replacing the drain covers, which is now in hand.

- (b) Stoneover Lane site, Wootton Bassett Rugby Club, is on the market, offers invited by no later than 12 noon Friday 17th June 2011.
- (c) Scottish & Southern Electricity has decided to exercise the proposed easement arrangements previously agreed at New Road play area.

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED to confirm and sign minutes of meetings of the Amenities Committee held on Thursday 10th March 2011 [A/6/2010-2011] and Thursday 12th May 2011 [A/1/2011-2012]. Copies previously circulated.

8. WOODSHAW GREEN

Requests from Woodshaw Residents Association, for the Council to consider improving fencing arrangements at this site. Concerns were expressed at speed of traffic on Garraways combined with a low level fence which children can jump over.

Woodshaw Residents Association is encouraging Wiltshire Council to erect warning signs on the highways and would like the Town Council to increase the height of the fence to approximately 3ft.

Councillor Mike Leighfield also indicated that Woodshaw Residents Association had requested the Council to consider the need for anti-cycle barriers at this location.

The Town Clerk advised that a budget price for the fence alone would be in the region of £4360.

The Committee was asked to consider the above.

RESOLVED that this matter be referred to the Play Area Working Party, who should be authorised to proceed with the work upon receipt of further quotations and detailed designs regarding the anti-cycle barriers and new fence.

9. WOOTTON BASSETT SHADOW COMMUNITY OPERATIONS BOARD

Members were advised that the Shadow Board held their first meeting on Tuesday 24th May 2011, and a brief report was submitted to the meeting by the Council's representative, Councillor Mike Leighfield.

Councillors Mike Leighfield, Susan Doyle, the Town Clerk Johnathan Bourne, Administrative Team Leader Michelle Temple and Gordon Haslett visited Community Centres at Coleford and Eastington on 4th April 2011. Following this, the Council's architect has been asked to prepare indicative drawings which can be used by the Shadow Board, in formulation of plans for community facilities in connection with the Campus.

Wiltshire Councillor Bill Roberts indicated that the timescale for the Shadow Community Operations Board was indeed very tight, and suggested that initial ideas should be submitted to the Board in time for their meeting on Monday 6th June 2011, with detailed drawings being submitted in time for the meeting on 20th June 2011.

It was RESOLVED to:-

- a) Set up a "post box" in the Town Council offices, to receive suggestions from the public for the Campus proposal to assist the Shadow Community Operations Board.
- b) Use the Council's website to promote the Consultation devised by the Shadow Operations Board.
- c) Place on a future Town Council agenda the principle of disposing of the Civic Centre, provided that suitable alternative facilities are provided by the Campus Proposal.

10. ALLOTMENTS

Report from Johnathan Bourne, Town Clerk, and Michelle Temple, Administrative Team Leader. Copy circulated.

RESOLVED to:-

- a) Note the actions taken to date.
- b) Ask the Allotment Working Party to seek a meeting with the residents who wish to buy the site in order to discuss with them the feasibility of developing an Allotment scheme using these two parcels of land.

- c) Ask the Play Area Working Party to re-examine the idea of making some play provision on the land adjacent to Woolford Grange.
- d) Authorise the Allotment Working Party to progress any scheme considered viable up to and including the submission of a planning application reporting back to the committee for information.

Further RESOLVED to keep Woodshaw Residents Association advised of developments and arrange a meeting with local residents as soon as possible.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm