

WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Thursday 8th September 2011 at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Station Road, Wootton Bassett

PRESENT: Councillors: Susan Doyle, Linda Frost, Owen Gibbs, Sue Hughes and Jenny Stratton.

Also in attendance: Councillors: Paul Heaphy and Steve Walls

Officers in Attendance: Johnathan Bourne, Town Clerk and Michelle Temple, Administrative Team Leader.

QUESTION TIME

Residents of Lindisfarne and Churchill Close were in attendance at the meeting to request an update on the Council's position with regard to land to the rear of their property. The Chairman indicated that this would be dealt with as part of the Chairman's Announcements.

11. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mike Leighfield and Bill Roberts.

12. 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 of Interest were made.

13. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman advised that with regard to the land to the rear of Churchill Close, a meeting had been held with residents and that there had been no support for the idea of converting that and the Woolford Grange land into allotments. There had also been no support from the previous owners of the Woolford Grange site, and it had therefore been decided that the idea of converting this to allotments should now be abandoned.

Instead there are plans agreed by the Play Area Working Party for the creation of a small park on the Jacqui Woolford Memorial Park, leaving residents free to apply to Wiltshire Council to purchase the residual land.

Residents at the meeting noted that they were not overly concerned about purchasing the land from Wiltshire, and simply wanted it to remain in its current state.

The Chairman advised that the Town Council would write to John Price, Property Services Section, Wiltshire Council, releasing its interest in the Wiltshire Council land, but advising that if ever plans to develop this were brought forward, the Council would support residents in their bid to purchase the land.

14. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED to confirm and sign minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Thursday 2nd June 2011, (A/2/2011-2012). Copy previously circulated.

15. CEMETERY WORKING PARTY

Reports on meetings of the Cemetery Working Party held on Tuesday 5th July 2011 and Thursday 25th August 2011. Copies previously circulated.

RESOLVED to adopt these reports. Further RESOLVED to:-

- a) Authorise acceptance of the cheapest quote for the repair to damaged memorials,

- b) Authorise a change to the rules and regulations allowing greater flexibility when dealing with out of Parish cases as detailed by the Working Party.

16. JUBILEE LAKE WORKING PARTY

Reports on meetings of the Jubilee Lake Group held on Thursday 5th May 2011, Wednesday 3rd August 2011 and Friday 12th August 2011. Copies previously circulated.

RESOLVED to adopt the reports.

Further RESOLVED to write to the group, congratulating them on the work undertaken over the summer period.

17. JUBILEE LAKE CAR PARK

Report from Mr Ralph White, Grounds Maintenance Team Leader. Copy previously circulated.

RESOLVED to apply to the Revenue and Resources Committee for the release of funding to allow the installation of a Geogrid system to support an additional 20 car parking spaces at Jubilee Lake at a cost of £17, 853.

18. EVENTS WORKING PARTY

Report from the Events Working Party held on Thursday 9th June 2011. Copy circulated.

RESOLVED to adopt this report.

19. PLAY AREA WORKING PARTY

Reports on meetings of the Play Area Working Party held on Thursday 16th June 2011 and Wednesday 20th July 2011. Copies previously circulated.

RESOLVED to adopt these reports.

Further RESOLVED to note that the visit to Calne had now taken place, and was considered most successful.

20. QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

Report from the Diamond Jubilee Committee meeting held on Monday 18th July 2011. Copy previously circulated.

RESOLVED to adopt the report, but note that the next meeting has been cancelled in view of the need to focus attention at the current time on the town's Royal occasion on the 16th October 2011. It is expected that the next meeting of the Diamond Jubilee Committee will be held after this time.

21. BUS SHELTER – MARLOWE WAY

Now that Stagecoach has reviewed its Bus Service provision in Wootton Bassett, the Council has redundant shelters in Lime Kiln and increased use of a stop in Marlowe Way that has no shelter.

Relocation of a shelter might be an option but could be false economy should the service be reinstated upon completion of the campus facility.

The Committee was asked to consider in principle the provision of a new shelter.

RESOLVED to recommend that the Revenue and Resources Committee release funding from the Council's project fund for the installation of one new Bus Shelter in Marlowe Way as requested.

22. PRESS RELEASES

RESOLVED to make no Press Releases on this occasion.