



WHITEHILL TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of a meeting of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** held on **Monday 29th October 2018** at **7.30pm** in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, FOREST COMMUNITY CENTRE, PINEHILL ROAD, BORDON.**

Cllrs Present: Cllr A. Carew, Cllr I. Georgii, Cllr C. Leach, Cllr Ms. L. Malikoff-Johnston, Cllr C. Mitchell, Cllr R. Russell and Cllr D. Sanders

In attendance: David Melsome (Deputy Town Clerk - Minute taker for this meeting) and Stephen Uden (Grounds Officer)

		Action
3.037	APOLOGIES – None.	
3.038	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None	
3.039	CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS – There were no Chairman's announcements.	
3.040	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 17 September 2018, previously circulated were agreed and signed by the Chairman. (Proposed by Cllr C. Leach, Seconded by Cllr D. Sanders, 5 Members AGREED)	
3.041	TREE WORKS IDENTIFIED AT HOLLYBROOK POND and MILL CHASE RECREATION GROUND Members were updated that following recent weather related incidents, a tree at Hollybrook Pond was deemed unsafe and at end of life, and a collapsed branch had occurred to an oak tree at Mill Chase Recreation Ground. Both were identified as priority works, due to safety issues. The Council had sought three quotes for the remedial work, and the selected arboriculturalist would be able to undertake the work in November 2018. East Hampshire District Council had confirmed that no Tree Preservation Orders were in place. The above updates were NOTED .	Deputy Town Clerk
3.042	DEADWATER VALLEY NATURE RESERVE The report from the Deadwater Valley Trust's Senior Ranger on the Deadwater Valley Nature Reserve for the period 1 st July – 30 th September 2018 was discussed and NOTED .	
3.043	CLEARANCE OF SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE PIPE AT SAVILE CRESCENT / NATURE RESERVE Members discussed the report that identified a blocked surface water drainage pipe that discharged near the rear of Savile Crescent Allotment site. The Council is deemed landowner as the pipe travels under the allotment site and falls inside the W.T.C. land boundary. After discussion, it was agreed that the necessary works involving mechanical digging be undertaken by the preferred contractor at a cost of £397.00, funded from the Allotment Improvements budget. (Proposed by Cllr D. Sanders, seconded by Cllr I. Georgii, ALL Members AGREED).	Deputy Town Clerk



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3.044	<p>UPDATE REGARDING THE PLANTING FOR STATION ROAD AND SUTTON FIELD PLANTERS</p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk said that the planting for both sets of planters (Station Road crossroads and Sutton Field), would be undertaken on Wednesday 31 October 2018 at 10.00 am. The public were being encouraged to take part. One Member raised concerns regarding the proposal to plant bulbs; and cross pollination of native wild species of bulbs with foreign ones, leading to the potential eradication of the true UK species.</p> <p>The above information was NOTED.</p>	Deputy Town Clerk
3.045	<p>AMENITIES PROJECT UPDATE <u>Hollybrook Pond Dipping Platform :</u></p> <p>The installation works were complete, and the structure contains removable side panels with combination locks to enable access for dipping. This could be used for school visits in the new year. The area immediately in front of the platform had been re-sown with grass which was beginning to take. A final part of the project was to replace tidy up the outflow area, and install a new grid over the pipe.</p> <p><u>Replacement bridge in the Deadwater Valley Nature Reserve :</u> The Environment Agency was still to issue their Environmental Licence ahead of the Contractor commencing work on site.</p> <p>The above updates were NOTED.</p>	
3.046	<p>AMENITIES MANAGEMENT UPDATE</p> <p>The Grounds Officer gave a verbal update to the meeting as follows:</p> <p>Concentrating on Mill Chase Pavilion, he had undertaken deep cleaning of the pavilion floors, arranged for the annual boiler service and a replacement of one of the lights in the garage. Maintenance outside the pavilion included replacement of the air vents on the boiler room door, tidying and weeding around the perimeter of the building (undertaken by the new Litter Collector) and repairs to the rainwater downpipes.</p> <p>The above updates were NOTED.</p>	
3.047	<p>EXEMPT SESSION</p> <p>Pursuant to paragraph 4 of Part I of Schedule 12A (as amended) to the Local Government Act 1972 Section was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during that item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information relating to consultations or negotiations.</p> <p>(Proposed by Cllr C. Leach, Seconded by Cllr I. Georgii, ALL Members AGREED)</p>	
3.048	<p>TO CONSIDER THE STRATEGIC PLAN</p> <p>Members considered the updated strategic plan, and commented upon certain items within the plan.</p> <p>The updated Plan was reviewed as per Appendix 1.</p>	



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3.049	<p>DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS All Monday's unless otherwise notified 2018 – 17th December. 2019 – 04 February, 01 April, 28 May (Tuesday). Held in the Council Chamber, Forest Community Centre, Pinehill Road, Bordon, Hampshire @ 7.30pm, unless otherwise indicated on the agenda</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
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Signed

Date

Chairman

During the course of the meeting 0 members of the Press and 0 members of the public were present.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.