

# AMENITIES COMMITTEE – July 2016

Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 18.00 in the Town Council Office, Fourways 2, 6 Dilston Terrace, Amble. Preceded by a site visit of the West Allotments at 17.00

**PRESENT:** Cllrs C Weir (Chair), J Dargue, M Horn, H Lewis and K Morrison with the Clerk; Miss E Brown.

Actions

**19: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None.

**20: DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** None.

**21: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: (maximum 15 minutes)** None.

**21.1: Amble Allotment Holders Society Report – Apologies had been received.** Members were disappointed that whilst dates had been provided for the Allotment meetings, none of the issues raised had been addressed.

Clerk

Cllrs Weir and Lewis would attend the society meeting to raise and discuss issues. Details of the site inspections were required.

A query had been received from AAHS regarding placing a container on the land at the Percy Drive entrance of the allotments next to the hut as more trading space was required. Members requested further details and did not like the idea of a container.

**22: CLERK'S REPORT & MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM:**

The contents of the Clerk's Report were noted and any matter arising were considered.

**22.1: Dates of future AAHS meetings; September 14th 7pm and November 9th 7pm. Meeting in the Bede Street Club –** as discussed under 21.1.

**22.2: Allotment Wynd entrance water diversion –** this was ongoing. It was agreed to request that the chippings be spread out.

A hump was also required to be installed at the entrance adjacent to 1 High Street to prevent water running down the resurfaced walkway.

**22.3: Planting update and suggested requirements for Autumn –** No update provided.

**22.4: West Cemetery soil storage update –** A cost for this work was expected.

**22.5: West Cemetery footpath improvements – update –** At present this was not a priority although quotes were awaited.

**22.6: East Cemetery Walls – quotes for repointed requested by 31st July.** To date no quotes had been received.

**22.7: Paddlers snagging list –** The snagging list was being worked through and a 12 month post installation review was expected soon.

**22.8: Update on play area purchases –**The equipment would be installed during the week of 15th August.

**22.9: Replacement of bins on the promenade – update -** The bins had been delivered and were awaiting installation.

**22.10: Leazes Street Litter issue update –** NCC were not willing to place a commercial refuse container here at no cost and suggested a further meeting be set up between all concerned parties.

**22.11: Bus shelter survey – update on works –**The seasonal worker was not yet in place so no works had been carried out.

**22.12: Sodexo seat – update –** Cllr Weir was to query whether the works had been carried out to the edges.

**22.13: Community Awards/Garden Awards –** The Awards had been well attended. The shields and certificates were yet to be handed out.

**22.14: The Environmental Operatives timesheets and diary will be available to view in the office on Thursday from 12pm (they are for noting work carried out and not intended for the purposes of monitoring time/movements) –** The diary and timesheets were noted for information.

**22.15: - Cycle Friendly Amble –** Cllr Dargue would be meeting NCC Officers as well as local business representatives for a walk about.

**22.16: Memorial bench update –** The Clerk would write to the resident detailing the proposed location and costings for the memorial seat.

**22.17: Water bowser update –** The specifications would be forwarded to the Clerk who would place and order.

**22.18: Comments from site visit:** The Operative would be requested to create a rockery at the High Street entrance to the allotments using the old stones from the wall.

Garden waste, wheelie bins and flytipping was noted adjacent to plot No. 22 West.

**23: COMMUNICATIONS:**

**23.1: Request for dog bin – rear lane of Albert Street/Edwin Street –** No dog bin would be

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**24: AGENDA:**

**ICCM - Granting, Exercising and Transferring Exclusive Rights of Burial Training** – It was agreed that the course was not required.

**25: INFORMATION ITEMS:** None.

**26: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Meeting date will be held at 6.00pm on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016 in the Council Office preceded by a site visit of the

**It was agreed under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public will be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following items on the Agenda due to their sensitive nature.**

**PUBLIC VERSION OF PRIVATE**

27: Seasonal Worker Update – A seasonal Operative was expected to commence work in early August and was currently undergoing the relevant training. 7.40pm

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