

BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Recreation & Amenities Committee
held on Monday 20th January 2020 at 7.00pm in the Corn Exchange



PRESENT

Cllr H White – Committee Chairman
Cllr L Lindsay – Committee Vice Chairman/Chairman of Council
Cllr L Hitchings – Vice Chairman of Council
Cllr N Lacey-Clarke

Cllr S Hitchings
Cllr C Jacques
Cllr D Russell
Cllr R Carter

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk
Nicci Brown – Press

Operations Manager

35. PUBLIC SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

36. APOLOGIES

Cllr J Stayt

37. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None were submitted.

38. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH NOVEMBER 2019

It was PROPOSED by Cllr L Hitchings, SECONDED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke and AGREED unanimously that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED.

39. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

39.1 Nan Dennett – Nan's daughter has written to the Mayor to confirm that Nan has received an invitation to a Royal Garden Party in May, and she is absolutely thrilled. Thanks were given to the Mayor and Simon Hoare MP for putting Nan's name forward.

39.2 Skate Park – The Dorset Council is currently considering the extension of the lease. For this reason, a tender package has not yet been compiled for the Contracts Finder website because we need to be assured by the length of the lease before seeking quotations. Blandford St Mary parish council has confirmed that they are happy to contribute to the works using s106 monies.

39.3 Woodhouse Gardens – The wooden structure against the wall on the right as you go into the gardens has been dismantled because it was rotten due to the lack of sunlight in that area. A quotation has been sought to light up the gardens during the month of December and this will be brought to the Committee for consideration, once received.

39.4 Depot – The storage issues were discussed by the Chairman of Council, Chairmen of F&S and R&A committees, Operations Manager and the Town Clerk prior to the R&A committee meeting. Examples were given of properties for sale and to let and funding options were discussed. This will be brought to a future meeting.

40. REVIEW OF RECREATION & AMENITIES BUDGETS TO 31ST DECEMBER 2019

40.1 Analytical Review of Revenue Budget

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

40. REVIEW OF RECREATION & AMENITIES BUDGETS TO 31ST DECEMBER 2019 (CONT)

40.2 Review of Earmarked Reserves

The paper was noted (see Appendix B).

40.3 Reserve Accounts

The paper was noted (see Appendix C).

The Chairman thanked the RFO for the reports.

41. TO REVIEW AND AGREE THE HIRE CHARGES FOR 2020/21

The paper was noted (see Appendix D).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lindsay, SECONDED by Cllr Carter and AGREED unanimously that

The Committee agrees the proposed fees and hire charges for 2020/21 at Appendix D and continues to freeze the hire charges to the cricket club.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

42. TO CONSIDER AMENDING THE CEMETERY REGULATIONS (DEFERRED FROM NOVEMBER)

The paper was noted (see Appendix E).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Lindsay and AGREED unanimously that

The Committee approves the amendments to the cemetery regulations.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

43. REPORT BY OPERATIONS MANAGER NOVEMBER 2019 – JANUARY 2020

The paper was noted (see Appendix F).

Councillors expressed disappointment at the damage done to the yew tree lights in the churchyard and asked that this is publicised once they have been fully checked.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

The meeting closed at 7:28pm.

SIGNED: DATED: