

BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Recreation & Amenities Committee
held on Monday 15th June 2020 at 7.00pm online using Microsoft Teams



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 J Stayt

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

SITTING IN

Cllr C Stevens

Cllr A Cross

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk
Nicci Brown – Press

Operations Manager

1. PUBLIC SESSION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

2. APOLOGIES

None

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

None were submitted.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20TH JANUARY 2020

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr Russell and AGREED (7 in favour, 1 abstention) that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED.

5. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 Skatefest – This event, due to take place on 26th July 2020, has been cancelled. The funding was due to be taken from R & A Earmarked Reserves, so this can be used for a postponed event, next year's event or to support budget lines which have suffered. The two sponsors have been offered a refund and Cllr Lacey-Clarke has asked that the Town Council holds his contribution until the next event.
- 5.2 Gas Meter Box – The unit at Woodhouse Gardens had become unsightly and quotes had been sought last year by the Project Coordinator, which were thought to be excessive. During the closure of Woodhouse Gardens, a local contractor was approached by the Operations Manager and he has now replaced it.
- 5.3 Demonstration – A resident has contacted the Town Council regarding the BLM movement and has advised that she is organising a peaceful demonstration at 12pm on Saturday 20th June 2020. A meeting has been arranged for Thursday 18th June, between three councillors and the resident. She is in touch with the police, has been reminded of the current legislation regarding gatherings and thanked for avoiding the town centre because the town is trying to reopen shops safely and reassure residents that it is safe to return to the shops and businesses.

6. REVIEW OF RECREATION & AMENITIES BUDGETS TO 28TH MAY 2020

6.1 Analytical Review of Revenue Budget

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

6.2 Review of Earmarked Reserves

The paper was noted (see Appendix B).

6.3 Reserve Accounts

The paper was noted (see Appendix C).

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ALLOTMENT AGREEMENTS AND RENTS

The paper was noted (see Appendix D).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr L Hitchings and AGREED unanimously that the committee agrees that

- the Allotment Management Committee Rent for 2020/21 should increase to £457.26 +VAT.
- the rent for Lamperd's Field allotment for 2021/22 should increase to £37.92 for a full 250sqm plot.
- the rent for Elizabeth Road allotment plots for 2020/21 should increase to 22p per square metre.
- the Allotment Society's request to have permission to impose an additional charge of £10 is approved to cover the excessive water bill costs (pro rata for smaller plots), should the Society need to introduce it once the July water bill has been received.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

8. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM THE ALLOTMENT SOCIETY TO ADOPT NEW GUIDELINES FOR ELIZABETH ROAD

The paper was noted (see Appendix E).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Russell, SECONDED by Cllr Stayt and AGREED unanimously that

The committee agrees that the management committee adopts the guidelines.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

9. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM THE FOOTBALL CLUB TO INSTALL A NEW FENCE

The paper was noted (see Appendix F).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Jacques, SECONDED by Cllr Russell and AGREED unanimously that

The committee resolves that a meeting is held, once it is possible to do so, between the Town Council and BUFC as there were a few uncertainties and the Club has not yet been promoted.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

10. REPORT BY OPERATIONS MANAGER JANUARY 2020 – JUNE 2020

The paper was noted (see Appendix G) and the Operations Manager was thanked for his report.

The meeting closed at 7:28pm.

SIGNED: **DATED:**