

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020 VIA ZOOM AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. J Wogan (Chairman), Hill, Josephson, Spackman, Summers & Williams

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. R Lewin & McNally

**NOT PRESENT:**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk and Asst Clerk. Cllr. Pritchitt as a Member of the Public.

**236/20 PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None

**237/20 APOLOGIES**

Cllrs. R Lewin & McNally due to family commitments.

**238/20 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW**

Name	Min. No.	Category of Interest	Reason
None			

**239/20 RECORDS OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020 AND 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2020**

Cllr. Wogan proposed the minutes of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020 be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Josephson and AGREED.

Cllr. Wogan proposed the minutes of the meeting of the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020 be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Williams and AGREED.

There were no objections to the deletion of the digital transcripts of those meetings.

**240/20 CLARIFICATION OF (NON-CONFIDENTIAL) ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING**

Cllr. Hill asked if there was any progress on the brickwork on the culvert on Rush Green. The Clerk advised that he had a bricklayer lined up to do the work once it was dry enough.

**241/20 TO NOTE CLERK'S REPORT ON PENDING MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION**

1. Matters in abeyance

- Ashdown surgery access
- Play area equipment repairs
- Hopyard verge
- BT exchange forecourt

The above matters had been in abeyance since the Covid-19 restrictions were put in place. Progress is dependent on substantive relaxations of the situation. It was noted that the play area repairs should be undertaken as soon as possible.

2. Skatepark extension – The planning application was being considered by the Planning Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> November. The Amenities & Services Committee to submit any relevant comments to the Planning Committee for consideration/submission.
3. Tree Survey – The recommended works were looked at, and it was noted that four trees needed felling as a priority. Cllrs. Hill & Wogan would look at the sites of the relevant trees.
4. Gilham Spring – The signs regarding the quality of the water needed to be replaced and the Clerk would look into this. This would also be put on the website.
5. Gilham Bank – The Clerk advised that he plans to seek a grant for refurbishment of this area next Spring.

NOTED

## **242/20 ALLOTMENTS**

The Allotment manager's report was NOTED. Comments were also NOTED from the allotment representatives. Cllr. Summers stated that the gates needed looking at as they were difficult to open. The Clerk advised that the maintenance team had this on their list.

It was AGREED that wood shavings from the maintenance team would be laid by the gates to help alleviate the mud and slippery conditions.

Cllr. Summers felt that another water trough was needed. Cllr. Hill advised that this should be left until early next year when the water supply could be investigated. This matter would be put on the next agenda along with any ideas for site security.

The Best Kept Allotment award would be delivered to the recipient once lockdown was over and the result put on the website.

## **243/20 CEMETERY**

The Burial Clerk's report was NOTED

### **DEED OF GRANT OF EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO BURIAL SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

DEED 1347	EB38	BLAXALL
DEED 1348	EB39	BLAXALL
DEED 1349	GOR237	SHARKEY
DEED 1350	913	HILL
DEED 1351	EB45	HOLLOWAY

### **DEEDS OF GRANT TRANSFERRED SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

DEED 864	315	EICHNER
DEED 863	316	EICHNER
DEED 862	317	EICHNER
DEED 861	318	EICHNER
DEED 860	319	EICHNER
DEED 859	320	EICHNER
DEED 1261	EA28	CARTER
DEED 869	1528	BERRY

### **RENEWAL DEED OF GRANTS**

DEED 40	1003	CUNNELL
DEED 42	1004	CUNNELL
DEED 42	1005	CUNNELL
DEED 42	1006	CUNNELL

### **MEMORIALS AND ADDITIONAL INSCRIPTIONS AGREED SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

NONE

### **HEADSTONES LAID DOWN FOR SAFETY SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

NONE

## **244/20 TO CONSIDER THE CEMETERY LAND ACQUISITION ISSUE**

Cllr. Hill proposed that the Clerk enquire of Wealden District Council about the future status of the land in question. This was seconded by Cllr. Williams and AGREED.

## **245/20 TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FOR A MEMORIAL BENCH**

The Burial Clerk had asked Committee to consider using some of the prize money from the ICCM (Cemetery of the Year) award to purchase a memorial bench for John Coomber in recognition of his hard work in the maintenance of the cemetery. Cllr. Wogan proposed this matter. This was seconded by Cllr. Josephson and AGREED.

## **246/20 TREE WORK**

This matter had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

**247/20 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The draft budget had been previously circulated. This was discussed and an amendment made. Cllr. Wogan proposed that the draft budget be adopted including the amendment. This was seconded by Cllr. Hill and AGREED.

**248/20 CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**249/20 ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY THIS COMMITTEE OR FULL COUNCIL**

Allotment – water troughs & site security to be put on the next Committee agenda.  
Cllr. Hill asked that the purchase of trees to replace the felled ones be put on the next Committee agenda.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

SIGNED.....(Chairman)    DATE.....