

DOWNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Thursday 5th February 2015 at 7.00 pm at Downton Library, High Street, Downton at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllrs Cordell (Chairman), Mace (from 7.50 pm), Pearce, Ross and Sutcliffe. Bev Cornish, Parish Clerk.

One member of the public was present.

Amen14/40: Apologies: Cllr Dean, Hayward, Watts and Whitmarsh.

Amen14/41: To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 29th September 2014: Cllr Sutcliffe proposed, Cllr Pearce seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that the minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Amen14/42: Public Question/Statement Time: 10 minutes to receive any questions or statements from members of the public: No questions or statements were received.

Amen14/43: Declarations of Interest: None.

Amen14/44: To receive a briefing from Mr Charles Mant of Mant Leisure on a range of available play equipment in advance of developing a long term plan for the parish's play areas: Mr Mant gave a detailed briefing on a wide range of available equipment and suggested alternative options for pre-school equipment for the Moot Lane Recreation Ground such as a pirate ship supplied by a Danish company. He also responded to numerous questions from members.

Amen14/45: To consider and agree on the action to be taken following the briefing from Mr Charles Mant and make a recommendation to the Parish Council: Cllr Sutcliffe proposed, Cllr Ross seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that Mr Mant should conduct a survey of the Moot Lane Recreation Ground and provide the Committee with two suggested plans to cater for different age ranges of children who were likely to use it.

Amen14/46: To consider a quote from Mr John Savage for maintenance work to be carried out to the boundaries of the play areas and work to two trees on open space land in Barnaby Close and to make a recommendation to the Parish Council: Cllr Sutcliffe proposed, Cllr Pearce seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that a recommendation be made to the Parish Council that a quote of £330 be accepted and that Mr Savage be instructed to carry out the work.

Amen14/47: To consider whether to take any action to remove the moles from the Moot Lane Recreation Ground: Following a discussion, Cllr Ross proposed, Cllr Sutcliffe seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that no action be taken at this time.

Amen14/48: To consider two quotes from Active Tree Care and Mr David Mercer on work to be carried out to three trees in the Memorial Gardens and on the land on the corner of Moot Lane and to make a recommendation to the Parish Council: Following the Clerk's report that she had not received the requested quotes from Mr Mercer, this item was to be deferred to the Parish Council meeting on 9th February 2015.

Amen14/49: To consider the list of work to be done at Downton Cemetery devised by Cllr Mace and to agree on which work is to be carried out prior to the end of the financial year by Mr Bob Moody and to make a recommendation to the Parish Council: Following a discussion, Cllr Cordell reported that he would be meeting with Mr Moody to advise him of the work to be done as a priority before the end of March.

Amen14/50: To consider and agree on the list of work to be carried out by councillors in the Moot Lane Recreation Ground and the dates on which this will be done: Cllr Mace proposed, Cllr Pearce seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that Cllrs Cordell, Sutcliffe and Dean would meet to allocate the jobs such as the installation of the bins and the skatepark sign to be carried out on mutually agreed date.

Amen14/51: To consider the quarterly cleaning and maintenance of the parish bus shelters and agree on how this work will be carried out, monitored and managed: Following a discussion the Clerk agreed to obtain a quote from the contractor used and recommended by the Clerk to Wilton Town Council.

Amen14/52: To consider a request from Mr Charles Greville-Heygate to mark by way of a plaque his parents' gift of the land at the rear of the original Memorial Gardens and make a recommendation to the Parish Council: Cllr Sutcliffe proposed, Cllr Mace seconded and it was approved by the meeting. The Clerk agreed to ask Mr Greville-Heygate to provide her with the correct wording.

Amen14/53: To consider the recent reports from the Play Inspection Company on the parish's playgrounds and to agree on the action to be taken: Following a discussion and confirmation that Mr Mant would proceed to replace the bearings in the roundabouts in the Memorial Gardens and the Moot Lane Recreation Ground. Cllr Cordell reported that he would work with Cllrs Ross and Dean and include the identified items for repair in his forthcoming discussion with Mr Moody.

Amen14/54: To receive a report from Cllr Ross on the weekly playground inspections for the last quarter: Cllr Ross gave a brief report and proposed, Cllr Cordell seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that he should work with Cllrs Dean, Watts and Cordell to draw up a costed programme of works such as the repair and painting of goalposts and the cleaning of graffiti for consideration at a future Parish Council meeting.

Amen14/55: Next Meeting: To be determined.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.