



Minutes of Crediton Town Council's Amenities & The Built Environment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 27 July 2021, at 19.00 at Old Landscore School, Greenway, Crediton.

- Present:** Cllrs J Harris, G Cochran and J Cairney
- Apologies:** Cllrs S Huxtable, L Martin, J Ross and M Szabo
- Absent:** Cllr H Zorlu
- In Attendance:** Rachel Avery, Town Clerk
Dr Penni Tearle, Chair of Boniface Allotment Association
Mr B Jewell

17 To receive and accept apologies

It was **resolved** to receive and accept apologies from Cllrs Huxtable, Martin, Ross and Szabo. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

18 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Cairney declared that as a member of more than one authority, that any views or opinions expressed at the meeting would be provisional and would not prejudice any views expressed at a meeting of another authority.

19 Public Question Time

No members of the public wished to speak.

20 Order of Business

There were no changes to the order of business.

21 Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements

There were no announcements.

22 Committee Meeting Minutes - To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Assets & Amenities Committee meeting held on 25 May 2021

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the Amenities & The Built Environment Committee meeting held on 25 May 2021 as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr Cairney).

23 Allotments

- **To consider the following issues and agree a course of action – vacant plots, Non-Cultivation Notices and Notices to Quit**

It was **noted** that there are currently 9 Non-Cultivation Notices, 0 Notice-to-Quit and 0 vacant plots

- **To consider and agree annual rent increases for the forthcoming year (2021-22)**

It was **resolved** to increase the annual rent by 5%. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

- **To consider and agree any rent discounts for the forthcoming year (2021-22)**
It was **resolved** to approve 100% discounts to Dr Tearle's plot for her work and support relating to the allotments and to Mr Beale's plot for his litter picking work. (Proposed by Cllr Cairney).
 - **To consider the implementation of refundable deposits for new tenants**
It was **resolved** not to implement refundable deposits at this time but would be considered again in 2022.
 - **To consider a request to install water troughs**
It was **resolved** that the installation of water troughs would be approved with quotes being obtained for future consideration. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).
 - **To consider matters raised by the Boniface Allotments Association and allotment tenants and agree any actions**
There were no further matters.
- 24 To consider autumn planting at Newcombes Meadow**
Mr Jewell explained that he recommends the planting of wall flowers in the three beds that were planted in summer. It was **resolved** to approve autumn planting up to £300.00. (Proposed by Cllr Cochran).
It was **noted** that the town planter bedding plugs were being ordered by Mr Jewell, along with daffodils and grape hyacinths for the East Street/Charlotte Street corner.
Mr Jewell was thanked for his work on the autumn planting.
- 25 To receive an update on the 2021 Floral Crediton Competition**
The Town Clerk reported that Bert Jewell had provided the office with the list of winners and that she had received some feedback on the judging from one of the entrants of the competition. This was included with the meeting papers. The Town Clerk advised that the presentation evening would be held on a Wednesday evening in September and requested that the committee decide on a date 29th.
- 26 To consider quotations received for a Quantified Tree Risk Assessment to be carried out at Peoples Park**
It was **resolved** to accept the quotation received from A.M.Lane Ltd at a total cost of £494.40 + VAT, with the money being allocated from the Peoples Park maintenance budget.
- 27 Tree planting and open spaces:**
- **To investigate appropriate locations for trees to be planted in celebration of the Queens Platinum Jubilee**
It was resolved that a site visit of Stonypark and Peoples Park would be undertaken to consider suitable planting locations, with Cllrs Cairney and Cochran accompanying the Town Clerk. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).
 - **Tree planting at Peoples Park in recognition of the NHS and Covid-19 pandemic**
It was **noted** that the Town Clerk would investigate the purchase of a memorial bench and confirm when the replacement lime trees would be planted.
 - **Rewilding of Greenway play area (subject to MDDC approval)**
There was nothing further to report. The Town Clerk would undertake further investigation, for consideration at the next meeting.
- 28 To note the date of the next meeting – 14 September 2021**
The date of the next meeting was noted.

29 Close.
The meeting closed at 19.47.

Signed
Chairman

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