STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE 26 AT 7.15PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

PRESENT:
Cllr P Batstone
Cllr L Cooper (Vice Chair)
Cllr A Donaldson
Cllr P Marks (Chair)
Cllr J Rose

IN ATTENDANCE:
K Squire (Town Clerk), A Dodson (Grounds Manager)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 3

MINUTE NO	COMMENTS
26/27/055	**To receive comments and questions from members of the public** A representative from the Sturminster Newton Heritage Trust gave a comprehensive update on all the activities happening at the Mill. She also invited the Councillors to the volunteers evening. The Clerk will circulate the invitation.
26/27/056	**Apologies for absence** Apologies were received from Cllrs Fraser and Jackson. These apologies were accepted by members.
26/27/057	**To approve declarations of interest and written applications for dispensation** No interests were declared and no written requests for dispensation received.
26/27/058	**To approve the minutes of the previous Amenities Committee meeting held on 25 March 26** The minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 25 March 26, having been circulated and published prior to the meeting, were taken as a true and correct record and duly signed by the Chair.
26/27/059	**To receive a report from the Grounds Manager** The Grounds Manager reported as attached.
26/27/060	**To receive a report from the Footpaths Officer** The Footpaths Officer reported: • Redesign of Walkabouts leaflet paused due to reshuffle of roles at Dorset Council. • Walk with us event taking place 25/26 July 26. • A Memorial for the late Alan Harrison is being organised. • Colber Bridge tree issue still present. • Hole House Lane

Chairs Initials .....

26/27/061 **To review and approve cemetery regulations for 2026-2028**
The Committee resolved to approve and adopt the cemetery regulations for 2026-2028.

26/27/062 **To review and approve asset management policy for 2026-2028**
The Committee resolved to approve and adopt the asset management policy for 2026-2028.

26/27/063 **To receive a report regarding the Youth Hub project and consider any recommendations to Full Council**
The Committee considered the report previously circulated.
The Committee resolved to contact the Scouts Committee to invite all members to meet and discuss steps to move the project forward as soon as possible.

26/27/064 **To consider a request from Yewstock School regarding replacement fence between the school and Butts Pond Nature Reserve**
The Committee resolved to recommend to Council that a lease or management agreement be put in place, allowing the fence to be moved and the trees to be retained.

26/27/065 **To receive a report regarding allotment management arrangements and extension to Filbridge Rise Allotments and agree further actions**
The Committee considered the report previously circulated.
The Committee resolved to recommend option 3 from the report: To enter into a management agreement with the Sturminster Newton Allotment Association (SNAA) rather than the lease previously agreed and apply for the developer funding directly but in partnership with the SNAA.

26/27/066 **To receive an update from Cllr Cooper regarding recent carbon literacy training**
Cllr Cooper had recently attended carbon literacy training with Dorset CAN and gave a verbal update to the Committee.

26/27/067 **To receive information from members and proposals for future business**
The Clerk reported on behalf of Cllr Jackson that he is working on a proposal for a biodiversity project which he will take to Full Council for consideration.

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Confidential Item

26/27/068 To consider a request from a resident regarding temporary building works

The Committee considered correspondence previously circulated.
The Committee resolved to recommend to Council that the resident can make necessary repairs to their property on the following terms:

- Work to make the wall safe is completed within two months.
- Permanent repairs are completed within one year of commencement.
- Any damage to Council land including the path must be made good to the satisfaction of the Council.

The chair closed the meeting at 8.46pm

Chairs Signature……Date Approved……

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