

**STAMFORD TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY, 07 JULY 2020 AT 6.00PM  
AT ‘VIRTUAL’ LOCATIONS USING VIDEO AND AUDIO LINK (Occasional  
Interruptions may have occurred during this meeting)**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs G Johnson (Chairman)  
Councillor B Turner (Vice Chair)  
Councillor M Exton  
Councillor J Dawson  
Councillor B Griffin  
Councillor Mrs S Sismore  
Councillor D Dorson

**ALSO PRESENT**

Town Clerk  
Deputy Town Clerk

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None

**68. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Point 1)**

None

**69. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda Point 2)**

None

**70. MINUTES (Agenda Point 3)**

The Minutes of the Working Group Meeting held on Wednesday, 29 July 2020, were confirmed on the proposal of Councillor D Dorson, seconded by the Councillor Mrs S Sismore, it was agreed with one abstention and **RESOLVED** and approved as a true record of the meeting subject to the change a 2 hour cleaning of the toilets as this is not practicable with the hours the operatives work and to ensure all other core duties can still be carried out.

**71. ALLOTMENTS (Agenda Point 4)**

*a. Update on any activities relating to the Allotments* – Nothing to report

*b. Any correspondence received* - It was reported that correspondents have been received from the new tenant of UN46, they have found numerous items that suggest someone has been living on the plot in the past. The plot has been found to have a fridge, a makeshift toilet, and a large metal container a foot deep in excrement. Contact had been made to environmental health who have given the advice that the council will need to find a company who deals with human waste. Contact will be made with companies who deal with septic tanks. Following discussion, it was agreed that the removal should go ahead and would be approved by the Chairman and Vice if it exceeds the Town Clerks delegated powers.

*c. Any other business* – Nothing to report

**72. CEMETERY (Agenda Point 5)**

*a. Update on any activities relating to the Cemetery* – Nothing to report

- b. Feedback from training session* - The committee were advised that the training held by ICCM on Granting & Transferring Exclusive Rights of Burial, has been undertaken by the Town Clerk and Deputy. From the training it has shown that some of the current processes require updating, to improve the management of the cemetery and the documentation held. It was also noted that an officer is required to be present at all interments which will be taken to the Finance, Personnel and Assets Committee as this needs to be reflected in the job description of the Town Clerk and Deputy.
- c. Any correspondence received*- Nothing to report
- d. Any other business* –
- i. Weed spraying at the Cemetery* – It was reported that the drives, Carparks, pathways and old set graves are in need of weed spraying, as these are areas that cannot be strimmed and are not being maintained as many have expired grants or the grant holders are deceased due to the age of the graves. A quote has been received from the ground maintenance contractor who maintains the Cemetery, at a cost of £750 plus VAT from SMV Contract Services. Following discussions, it was agreed that the work should be carried out by SMV Contract Services at the cost of £750 plus VAT to maintain continuity of the maintenance of the Cemetery.

**Proposal 1-** On the proposal of Councillor D Dorson, seconded by the Councillor J Dawson, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** the Council approves the quote for the weed spraying of the drives, carparks, pathways and old curb set graves at the cost of £750 plus VAT by SMV Contract Services.

- ii. Fallen branch at the Cemetery*- It was reported that a branch had fallen over a pathway at the cemetery and was removed under the Town Clerks delegated powers at a cost of £50 plus VAT, by the Cemetery ground maintenance contractor SMV Contract Services.

### **73. RECREATION GROUND & MEADOWS (Agenda Point 6)**

- a. Update on any activities relating to the Recreation Ground & Meadows* – Nothing to report
- b. Update on Programmed Events Request*
- i. Request from the Stamford Community Orchard Group*- It was reported that a request has been received to hold the annual Apple Day celebration on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020, as a provisional alternative to their normal venue of Stamford Arts Centre. Following discussions, it was agreed that Apple Day can provisionally be held on the Meadows subject to government guidelines in place due to Covid-19 pandemic and the Councils hire requirements.

**Proposal 2-** On the proposal of Councillor D Dorson, seconded by the Councillor Mrs S Sismore, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** the Council approves the Apple Day celebration on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 can provisionally be held on the Meadows subject to government guidelines in place due to Covid-19 pandemic and the Councils hire requirements.

- ii. Request from the Army Cadet Force – Stamford Troop*- It was reported that a request has been received to hold cadet field craft training activities on an ad-hoc basis on Tuesday evenings after the Covid-19 pandemic has passed. Following discussions, the committee agreed approves the use of the Meadows for Army Cadet Training by the Army Cadet Force – Stamford Troop with the condition of use only when there are no other events and subject to an annual review.

**Proposal 3** - On the proposal of Councillor B Turner, seconded by the Councillor Mrs S Sismore, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** the Council approves the use of the Meadows for Army Cadet Training by the Army Cadet Force – Stamford Troop with the condition, of use only when there are no other events and subject to an annual review.

- iii. Proposed suggestion for former Bowling Green* – It was reported that correspondence have been received regarding the former Bowling Green, asking if the council would consider it being used as a croquet lawn. Following discussion, it was agreed that a croquet lawn would not be suitable for the area, as it would require a higher level of maintenance and would have a limited appeal to the residents of Stamford. Further discussions ensued and the committee felt an outdoor gym would be more accessible to a wider demographic and it was agreed that Councillor D Dorson looks in to the proposed project of an outdoor gym in the former Bowling Green and works with external groups to further the project.

**Proposal 4**- On the proposal of Councillor D Dorson, seconded by the Councillor B Turner, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** the Council approves that Councillor D Dorson looks in to the proposed project of an outdoor gym in the former Bowling Green and works with external groups to further the project.

*c. Any correspondence received* - Nothing to report

*d. Any other business – Vermin on the Meadows* – It was reported that correspondence had been received regarding rats on the Meadows. Following discussions, it was agreed that quotes would be obtained for humane traps to ensure the protected water voles are not harmed.

**74. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: (Agenda Point 7)** – Monday, 03 August 2020 at 6pm

Chairman  
(The meeting closed at 7.09pm.)