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To: Cllrs Alder, Burmicz, Coysten, Furnace, Gray, and Royle [Cllr Rattey]



AMENITIES COMMITTEE

You are invited to attend a meeting of this committee which will take place on **Monday 12 October 2020** at 7.30pm by Zoom conference for the transaction of the following business.

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Town Clerk
06 October 2020

AGENDA

- A20/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
To receive any apologies for absence
- A20/16 PUBLIC FORUM**
To receive representations from members of the public on matters within the remit of the Amenities Committee.
- A20/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive any Declarations of Pecuniary Interest by Members
- A20/18 MINUTES**
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 15 June 2020 (A01) [Attached]
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- To attend to any matters arising from these Minutes and not dealt with elsewhere on this Agenda.
- A20/19 ALLOTMENTS**
To note and discuss matters relating to Allotments
- Tenancy renewals now sent out and arrangements made for contactless payment of dues.
 - Fly tipping on Ballfields allotment, tenants advised to clear the site.
 - Vandalism on Bullfields site, unauthorised entries, gate code seems to be common knowledge.

A20/20 CEMETERY

To note and discuss matters relating to the Town Cemetery

- No increase in volume of business but funeral directors are busy.
- Increase in demand for pseudo green burials by the new avenues of trees.
- Wild meadow seeds now sown in borders adjacent to roadways.
- Handyman now reverted to 8 hours per week contract

A20/21 FOOTPATHS & OPEN SPACES

To note and discuss matters relating to Footpaths & Open Spaces

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Champion's report is attached

A20/22 OPERATIONS

To receive, note and discuss matters relating to Operations

- Sawbobus running on a three-day week with proper social distancing.

A20/23 ECO-AUDIT WORKING PARTY

To determine a date for the next meeting of the Eco-Audit Working Party.

A20/24 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

To note items for future agendas

Zoom link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84774471098?pwd=em4xWHdLak80K2tnMGdxcENaaE42UT09>

Meeting ID: 847 7447 1098

Passcode: 866071

REPORT TO AMENTIES COMMITTEE 12 OCTOBER 2020

FOOTPATHS, OPEN SPACES AND DOG FOULING.

Footpath 21 (Vantorts Play area to Fair Green) still awaiting completion. Footpath 32 from Fair Green to London Road ditto. No action on the Fair Green footpath (degraded surface/trip hazard) at residents' request; unsure of status of Japanese knotweed on Footpath 23, Pishiobury/Newton Drive to Bonks Hill. Work on the bottom half of Footpath 27 to Sheering Mill Lane has been scheduled to begin shortly. HCC is following up concerns about the fencing on the path from London Road to Sayesbury Avenue.

The Modification Order for Public Bridleway 11 from Tharbies Lodge on West Road and tree preservation orders for the lime trees on the continuation as Footpath 26 awaiting completion. HCC has removed vegetation round the signage at the start of the bridleway. I'm still trying to arrange a meeting with the Farm Manger to talk about a possible quid pro quo for Footpath 26, i.e. a permissive path straight ahead to Tharbies Farm, linking up with footpaths beyond. Problems remain with crops encroaching public rights of way. Nicholas Maddex is following up.

Open Spaces. No update on Pishiobury Park's Local Nature Reserve application; Bob Reed has contacted Natural England direct; Cllr Eric Buckmaster has also followed up. The Friends of Pishiobury approached East Herts District Council in 2013 with the possibility of the Park becoming a Local Nature Reserve. The Council were keen on the idea and were sent the information that would be needed for the application. It appears that the application is with Natural England... there are over 40 LNRs in Herts. Watford has eight; East Herts has only one, Waterford Heath, which is managed and administered by the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust.

Dog fouling. No update to hand.

David Royle 041020