

SAWBRIDGEWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes

of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held at the Council Offices, Sayesbury Manor, Bell Street, Sawbridgeworth at 19.30 hrs on **Monday 12 October 2020**.

This was a Zoom Meeting.

Those present

Cllr John Burmicz
Cllr Angela Alder

Cllr Annelise Furnace
Cllr David Royle

In attendance:

R Bowran - Town Clerk

A20/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received and accepted from Cllr Coysten – unwell.
Cllr Gray was absent.

A20/16 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no representations from members of the public on matters within the remit of the Amenities Committee.

A20/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Pecuniary Interest by Members

A20/18 MINUTES

Resolved: To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 15 June 2020 (A01)
[prop Cllr Alder; secd Cllr Furnace]

There were no matters arising from these Minutes not dealt with elsewhere on this Agenda.

A20/19 ALLOTMENTS

Noted: 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.

Complaint against former mayor Cllr Burmicz has been dismissed by the EHDC Monitoring Officer as there being no case to answer.

A20/20 CEMETERY

Noted: 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.

Town Project manager was commended for the initiative

Handyman now reverted to 8 hours per week contract

A20/21 FOOTPATHS & OPEN SPACES

Noted: Matters relating to Footpaths & Open Spaces.

There were no additional comments to add to the Champion's report, other than that there had been om further progress on the application by Pishiobury Park for Local Nature Reserve status.

A20/22 OPERATIONS

Noted: Matters relating to Operations

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

Clerk advised that he had agreed to swap buses with Bishops Stortford Town Council for a week for them to trial our current vehicle. Members were concerned about possible confusion with a sign written vehicle and wanted it to be clearly stated that the swap was not as a result of a breakdown.

A20/23 ECO-AUDIT WORKING PARTY

Clerk was asked to establish a date for the next meeting of the Eco-Audit Working Party, which should be in the middle of the day on a Monday.

It was agreed that Sarah Brown, a member of the Sustainable Sawbridgeworth group should be invited to join the working party.

A20/24 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas

Meeting ended at 19:55