

SAWBRIDGEWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes

of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held at the Council Offices, Sayesbury Manor, Bell Street, Sawbridgeworth at 20:00 hrs on **Monday 10 February 2020**.

Those present

Cllr Annelise Furnace
Cllr John Burmicz

Cllr David Royle

In attendance:

R Bowran - Town Clerk

3 members of the public

Joanne Sargant – Town Projects Manager

A19/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence
Cllrs Coysten and Gray were absent

Members present agreed that Cllr Furnace would take the chair.

A19/24 PUBLIC FORUM

To receive representations from members of the public on matters within the remit of the Amenities Committee.

Mr Greg Leary: Asked for progress on establishing the Elmwood footpath as a Right of Way.

Clerk responded that an application under s25 of the Highways Act 1980 would not succeed and we will have to revert to applying for a DMMO. The next step is evidence gathering.

Cllr Burmicz: had been approach again by the occupier of 42 School Lane with entreaties about obstructive parking.

Cllr Chester said there were between 50 and 100 sixth form students taking cars to school, that there was no parking available on site including the meadow which is currently unusable.

Mrs Hazel Mead: said that it was getting more difficult for allotment holder to maintain the central path in the Southbrook Allotments and asked if a grant could be made to buy a bigger mower.

Clerk responded that the town council would undertake to cut the central path from time to time in the growing season.

A19/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any Declarations of Pecuniary Interest by Members

A19/26 MINUTES

Resolved: To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 14 October 2019 (A02)

[prop Cllr Royle; secd Cllr Furnace]

To attend to any matters arising from these Minutes and not dealt with elsewhere on this Agenda.

Minute A19/04. Cllr Furnace reported that Thames Water had agreed to fix and reconfigure the sewer run at Church Crescent.

A19/27 ALLOTMENTS

Received and Noted Reports: Discussed matters relating to Allotments

- Officer's report
- Clerk's report

A19/28 CEMETERY

Received and Noted Reports: Discussed matters relating to the Town Cemetery

- Officer's report
Suggested that we contact the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust to seek advice on the treatment of the Cemetery Spinney.

A19/29 FOOTPATHS & OPEN SPACES

Received and Noted Reports: Discussed matters relating to Footpaths and Open Spaces

- Champion's report
Further reported that FP32 remedial work will commence on 16 March.
- Clerk's report
Further reported that bits of the elm trees in Vantorts Road had fallen due to high winds, latest date from Herts Highways for remedial work is 24 February
Further reported that Herts CC had given an award to Pishiobury Park for the work in expanding the Osier beds and the car park.

A19/30 OPERATIONS

Received and Noted Report: Discussed matters relating to Operations

- Clerk's report

A19/31 CIVIC AMENITIES

Received and Noted Report: Discussed matters relating to Civic Amenities

- Clerk's report
Agreed that the Working Party to consider actions following the Eco-audit should be Cllr Furnace, Cllr Royale and Hazel Mead.

A19/32 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

To note items for future agendas

- Sustainable Towns
- Eco-audit Working Party

Meeting ended at 21:20