

# SAWBRIDGECWORTH 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 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021**.

#### Those present

Cllr John Burmicz

Cllr Annelise Furnace

Cllr Angela Alder

Cllr Greg Rattey

Cllr Craig Chester

#### In attendance:

Christopher Hunt Town Clerk

J Sargent – Town Projects Manager

#### A21/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Coysten absent

Cllr Nathan Parsad apologies sent

#### A21/26 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present and no questions were made on matters within the remit of the Amenities Committee.

#### A21/27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Pecuniary Interest by Members

#### A21/28 MINUTES

**Resolved:** To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on **Monday 28 June 2021** (A01)

*[prop Cllr Alder; secd Cllr Furnace]*

**Action** - Appoint to vacancy, replace Cyril Lumley to reinstate service to 5.5 days per week.

Clerk updated that new drivers appointed and bus running on full schedule

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

#### A21/29 ALLOTMENTS

**Received and noted** Allotments Officer Report

- Cllr Alder thanked allotments officer for the detailed report

#### A21/30 CEMETERY

Cemetery Officer Report was given verbally

- Memorial trees and plaques are increasing in price and the trees do incur a maintenance cost. Due to this, prices will be increased to £425 for a tree and small plaque and £450 for a tree with a larger plaque.
- Cllr Alder raised a question to the Spinney maintenance, £10,000 has been budgeted and contractor will commence work in the near future.

**A21/31 FOOTPATHS & OPEN SPACES**

- West Road play area slide and mound has been removed due to safety issues and vandalism. A new slide has been ordered and waiting on delivery, old slide in storage and can be sold or given to local group with suitable ground to place it on.

**ACTION** – email to be sent to local schools and groups to explore selling or donating old mound slide. **JS**

- West Road Park has flooded for the first time in over ten years and ground staff could not complete grass cutting. This has been raised with Cllr E Buckmaster and will be monitored as the Sawb 2 and Sawb 3 development build continues.

**A21/32 OPERATIONS**

To receive, note and discuss matters relating to Operations

- Sawbobus is waiting repairs to the larger bus as the step is currently not working and a motor has been ordered and waiting on delivery and fitting. The spare bus is in use and service has not been interrupted from this repair or the shortage of fuel from the recent shortages.

**A21/33 ECO-AUDIT WORKING PARTY**

***Received and noted*** – Eco Audit Report

- Cllr Furnace reports that Bob Reed has had six people contact him since the Eco webinar presentation and Councillors will support any further work going forward.
- Cllr Alder mentioned how good the West Road telephone box looks and this good work should be promoted and shared with other councils. The local paper has completed an article on the project and further photos will be circulated on social media.

Meeting ended at 20:40 hrs