

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 14th February 2022**.

Those present

Cllr Annelise Furnace (Chaired)
Cllr Angela Alder

Cllr Nathan Parsad
Cllr Greg Rattey

In attendance:

Christopher Hunt - Town Clerk
J Sargent – Town Projects Manager

A21/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr John Burmicz *absent*
Cllr Craig Chester *accepted*
[prop Cllr Parsad; secd Cllr Rattey]

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 11th October 2021** (A02)
[prop Cllr Alder; secd Cllr Rattey]

Action – To advertise the old West Road slide on the Clerks forum **JS**

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

Action – To obtain further detail on the waiting lists for the allotments at the different locations. **CH**

A21/30 CEMETERY

Cemetery Officer Report was given verbally

- Planning to apply for a cemetery award this year from the SLCC
- Op Hypnos is continuing but slowing down and moving to a voluntary group
- Extend the wildflower meadow to the banked area
- Cremation area is almost full

Question – Cllr Alder asked if the toilet was being used.

JS informed that it was only unlocked for work staff and ceremonies. One resident has reported ASB in the location, but no other reports or damage found.

A21/31 FOOTPATHS & OPEN SPACES

- No reports of leaves and freezing pavements
- A complaint was received regarding the footpath leading from Fawbert and Barnard school to Station Road was covered in leaves, EHDC informed and cleared and added signage re dog fouling.
- A county Council poster has been shared on the Facebook site in relation to overgrowing garden plants affecting footpaths.

A21/32 OPERATIONS

To receive, note and discuss matters relating to Operations

- SawboBus has been awarded £4000 support by Essex CC A further lottery application for £80,000 over 5 years has been made. Sawbridgeworth Trust have increased support from £1000 to £2000 and the passenger fee of £1 per day will need to start on the 1st April 2022 unless the lottery funding was successful.
- Public Toilets Bell Street, the manger from the cleaning company has been met with last week due to concerns of the cleaning regularity. The current contract will be re written and a new cleaner found
- New full-time ranger, the Clerk feels this is a good time to draw up a job description and advertise due to the time that may be required for notice time for the successful candidate. It was agreed to start this process with the Clerk and JS to write a job description as it will be a role with different requirements to the current Ranger.

A21/33 ECO-AUDIT WORKING PARTY

Received and noted – Eco Audit Report

- Cllr Furnace reports that members from the Sustainable Sawbridgeworth group are meeting with Cllr E Buckmaster to identify a cycle route between Sawbridgeworth, High Wych and on to the Gilston development.
- 21st February the Waste Warriors are presenting on Waste issues via an online Zoom meeting and a young resident will be showing a short film he produced on litter.

Question – Cllr Alder asked if the report could be explained without the use of acronyms as people may not understand what each of them means.

Action – Cllr Furnace to liaise with Councillor Royle to edit the report prior to publication.

A21/34 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

No items were raised.

Meeting ended at 20:26 hrs