



Minutes of a Meeting of the  
**AMENITY COMMITTEE**  
 held on  
 Tuesday 6 February 2024 at 8:00pm

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: Paul Day, Hilary Doyle (Chair), Katie Dover, David Ellis, Andy Fish, Katherine Giles, Ian Leake and Amanda McLean  
**Also Present:** Ceri Rance, Clerk and Amanda Sculley, Deputy Clerk

29. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There was an apology for absence from Cllr Kiran Meka with reasons having been supplied to the Clerk.

30. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Cllr Doyle declared an interest in the item on the Pocket Copse Allotments as an allotment holder.

31. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

32. **REPORTS FOR DECISION**

32.1 Pocket Copse Water Bottle Filler

Councillors considered the proposal to replace the water bottle filler with a standing tap. It was proposed by Cllr Giles, seconded by Cllr Day and **RESOLVED** that the filler be replaced with the standing tap at a cost of £1,493.03 with funds coming from the Amenity Maintenance and Improvements budget.

32.2 Replacement of Play Surface In Foxley Fields Toddler Play Area

Councillors considered the report regarding replacement of the play surface. Councillors asked for assurances regarding guarantees and for the second contractor to be asked for like for like options to include the base replacement. The extra information should be submitted to the next appropriate Council meeting for decision.

32.3 Unauthorised Parking in York Road Car Park

Councillors considered the report regarding the trailer padlocked to the fence in the York Road Car Park. It was proposed by Cllr Doyle, seconded by Cllr Ellis and **RESOLVED** that a letter be sent to the resident in York Road associated with the trailer advising that if it is not removed the Parish Council would be removing it, citing the date.

32.4 Policies

32.4.1 Tree Policy

The draft policy was considered. After a number of minor amendments, it was agreed to adopt the revised policy. It was proposed by Cllr Doyle, seconded by Cllr Giles and **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL** that amended policy be adopted.

32.4.2 Memorial Policy

The draft policy was considered. A number of amendments were agreed. It was agreed to adopt the revised policy. It was proposed by Cllr Doyle, seconded by Cllr Giles and **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL** that amended policy be adopted.

33. **REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

33.1 Update Report

The update report was noted and following comments made:

**33.1.1 Binfield Parish Notice Boards**

The review of notice boards was considered. The proposed improvements with regarding to painting and lettering could be funded from the remaining Amenity Maintenance and Improvements budget. The possibility of moving the Victoria Arms notice board to the wall adjacent to the Village Stores should be investigated with the matter being brought to a future meeting.

**33.2 Tree Report**

The update report was noted and following comments made:

**33.2.1 WI Trees**

Further information is required about the Wedding Cake Tree as it appears that a shrub version has been planted. Councillors would be advised about the outcome of the investigations.

**34. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**Meeting Closed at 21.21**

*H. Jay Joyce*