



Minutes of a Meeting of the AMENITY COMMITTEE

held in the Parish Office, Benetfeld Road on
Tuesday 4 March at 8:00pm

PRESENT: Cllrs: Hilary Doyle, Andy Fish, Katherine Giles, Ian Leake, Amanda McLean and Kiran Meka
Also Present: Ceri Rance, Clerk, Purveen Hira, Amenity Officer

24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Paul Day & Dave Ellis

25 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

27 REPORTS FOR DECISION

27.1 Open Spaces Schedule

Members were asked to consider a way forward for the ground's maintenance works in the Binfield Parish Open Spaces for the next financial year. It was proposed by Cllr Doyle, seconded by Cllr Leake and recommended that at least three fixed quotes are obtained from contractors with the following items:

- A fixed cost per activity (grass works, hedge works, flailing)
- A specification for each activity
- What the minimum requirement would be for each task (i.e. up to 15 grass cuts per annum)
- A timeline for each activity
- Fixed quote for the term April 2025 – March 2026

The quotes will then be presented at the next Amenity Committee meeting on 1 April 2025, and a recommendation will be brought to full Council on 8 April 2025.

27.2 Removal of unused bus shelter

Following recent complaints about anti-social behaviour in and around the unused wooden bus shelter on London Road, members were asked whether to remove this Binfield Parish asset. It was proposed by Cllr Doyle, seconded by Cllr McLean and recommended to remove the bus shelter. Quotes will be obtained and will be presented at a future meeting.

27.3 Request from a Red Rose Allotment tenant to move to a site closer to their residence

A Red Rose tenant requested to move to the Pocket Copse Allotment site which is closer to their residence. It is not stated in the rules whether this is allowed. The tenant is already on the Pocket Copse waiting list. It was proposed by Cllr Doyle, seconded by Cllr Fish and recommended that the tenant can move allotment site, only when their name reaches the top of the Pocket Copse waiting list.

27.3 Rental charges for the Blue Mountain Allotment Site

The Blue Mountain Allotment site is currently being redeveloped, and members were asked to consider the rental charges for this site. As there are various plot sizes, members were asked to consider whether to charge tenants a cost per square metre. It was proposed by Cllr Doyle and seconded by Cllr Fish and **RESOLVED** that the rental charge for the Blue Mountain Allotment site be set at 50p per square metre.

28 **REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

28.1 Update Report

This was **NOTED** and the following comments were made.

28.1.1 Tree labels from Binfield Environment Group

The Binfield Environment Group have requested to purchase black acrylic labels with a nail and spring to be placed on approximately 30 specimen trees within the Binfield Parish. Members approved this request on the basis that it is safe to do so. It would also be beneficial for the group to share a register of the trees which have these labels on, and the information being shared with the Council.

29 **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

Meeting closed 9.02 pm

Clr Ian Doyle
4/03/2025