

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee of St Ives Town Council
held in the Corn Exchange on Wednesday 28 July 2021**

Present:

Town Mayor: Councillor P Hussain

Councillors: R D'Souza, P Pope, M King, J Tiddy, N Wells, R Fuller

Absent: S Mokbul

In attendance:

Councillor: J Kerr

Deputy Town Clerk: C Allison

Democratic Officer: S Rawlinson

The Town Mayor opened the Meeting.

PR01.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Dr C Pegoraro (Personal).

PR02.00 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: that Councillor P Pope be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the coming municipal year

[Councillor P Pope in the Chair]

PR03.00 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: that Councillor M King be appointed Vice Chairman of the Committee for the coming municipal year

PR04.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor J Tiddy – Other interest as his spouse was addressing the Committee under Public Participation.

Councillors P Pope and P Hussain – Other interest in discussions on the cemetery as they had family members interred there.

PR05.00 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident living very close to Warner's Park raised the problems she envisaged would be experienced should the proposed adult gym equipment be installed there.

She believed there would be a significant impact on residents due to additional noise, antisocial behaviour and possible vandalism. The park was an unsuitable location and such equipment would be better sited in an area with a more open aspect. She hoped that the Committee would take into account objections received from other residents in the area.

Councillor Kerr stated that the adult gym area was a great idea but Warner's Park was not the best location for it. Somewhere like Hill Rise Park would be a better proposition as there was parking available there which there was not at Warner's.

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Additionally, people tended to walk through the park on the way home from pubs in the town and the equipment might prove to be a distraction to them resulting in additional noise and possible antisocial behaviour.

A06.00 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 April 2021 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

A07.00 CEMETERY REGULATIONS

Consideration was given to setting up a Working Group to review the Cemetery Regulations; revisit the decision of 28 April to prohibit the placing of solar lights in the cemetery and examine possibilities for the incorporation of the woodland burial area.

RESOLVED: A07.01 that the report is received and noted

A07.02 that a working group be formed, comprising Councillors P Pope and N Wells, together with the Council's Civic and Burial Officer (members not in attendance to be asked if they wish to join the group)

A07.03 that the group's remit be to undertake a full review of Cemetery Regulations, including the siting of solar lights and the incorporation of a woodland burial area and to report back to Committee with recommendations.

A08.00 CHURCH CLOCKS

A08.01 Parish Church Clock

Members were in receipt of report detailing repairs identified to the Church clock and chimes. The sum of £7812.50 had been allocated for repairs.

Contractors believed that additional expenditure of £2,000 would be needed to complete the works.

As an additional £2,000 would represent an overspend on budget it was:

RESOLVED: A08.01.01 that the report be received and noted

A08.01.02 that a Recommendation be made to Council that funds be vired from another budget to meet the additional £2,000 required to complete the works.

A08.02 Free Church Clock

A quotation for cleaning and maintenance works on the clock had been received in the sum of £1,235.

RESOLVED: A08.02.01 that the report be received and noted.

A08.02.02 that the matter be deferred until the October meeting, when budgets would be set, to determine

whether these works should be provided for in the budget for 2022/23.

A09.00**RoSPA REPORT**

Members received annual report for the play areas.

Issues of low and medium risk had been identified which had already been addressed by the GM Team.

RESOLVED: that the report be received and noted.

A10.00**MARKET SQUARE**

Members discussed the repair/redecoration of the Town Hall frontage and various edifices in Market Hill.

Maintenance of the Town Hall frontage needed to be reviewed on a regular ongoing basis. The War Memorial and Cromwell Statue would require specialist attention.

RESOLVED: **A10.01** that regular maintenance of the Town Hall frontage be placed on the Rolling Programme

A10.02 that quotations be sought for specialist cleaning of the War Memorial, the Jubilee Fountain and the Cromwell statue for presentation to a future meeting

A11.00**MEMORIAL**

A request had been received for the Committee to give consideration to a permanent memorial tribute to the late Councillor John Davies.

Some of the possible tributes discussed were:

- Having the poem by Councillor Pope professionally written out and framed to hang in the Council Chamber
- A permanent tribute of some kind in the new Berman Park which was close to where Councillor Davies lived
- Making Councillor Davies a Posthumous Freeman of the Town
- The creation of a memorial book featuring contributions from residents

RESOLVED: **A11.01** that a recommendation be made to Council for Councillor Davies to be made a posthumous Freeman of the Town

A11.02 that a feature be run in the next edition of *The Bridge* seeking input from residents

A11.03 that members give consideration to further ways to create a fitting tribute to Councillor Davies and bring proposals back to the next meeting

A12.00**ROLLING PROGRAMME**

Members were in receipt of the Rolling Programme.

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The Deputy Clerk reported that works to Slepe Hall entrance were now completed.

A lengthy discussion was held on the viability of placing adult gym equipment in Warner's Park. Some concerns had been raised earlier by a resident that such equipment might result in increased noise and vandalism.

The Deputy Clerk reported that the recent survey had resulted in 16 comments from residents 13 in favour of the adult gym and 3 against. The approximate cost would be in the region of £17k to include delivery and installation.

Other locations could be looked at by the Committee including other Council owned open spaces and also the possibility of applying for a licence from HDC to install the equipment at Hill Rise Park.

RESOLVED: A12.01 that a further report be presented to the Amenities Meeting in September.

A12.02 that, if agreed, the costings for the project be included in the Amenities budget

A13.00 BUDGET

RESOLVED: that the budget be received and noted.

A14.00 AMENITIES STRATEGIC PLAN

Members received the Strategic Plan.

The Deputy Clerk agreed to speak with members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group about further tree planting.

Wildflower areas had been identified at the Cemetery and Knights Way. Members were asked to contact her with any further suggested areas.

RESOLVED: that the Plan be received and noted.

A15.00 TREE SURVEY

RESOLVED: that the Tree Survey be received and noted.

A16.00 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and the Public be excluded from the Meeting

A17.00 TREE SURVEY TENDERS

Members were in receipt of tenders for works resulting from the Tree Survey.

As undertaking all the proposed works would result in a budget overspend it was agreed that the matter be referred to Council to propose the virement of funds for this purpose.

RESOLVED: A17.01 that the report is received and noted

A17.02 that a Recommendation be made to September Council that funds be vired for the undertaking of these works.

A18.00 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: that the confidential business having been concluded, the Press and the Public be re-admitted to the meeting.

Chairman:

Dated: 22 September 2021

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