

Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee of St Ives Town Council held in the Town Hall on 27 July 2022

Present:

Chairman: Councillor M Burke

Vice Chairman: Councillor S Mokbul

Councillors: J Tiddy, M King, N Wells, C Smith, M Mallol Wright, P Pope (ex officio)

In attendance:

Hemingford Grey PC: Cllr A Meredith

Locum Clerk: P Truppin

Amenities Manager: M Price

Democratic Officer: S Rawlinson

REWILDING – PRESENTATION

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Anne Meredith of Hemingford Grey Parish Council to the meeting.

Cllr Meredith gave a presentation to Members on how her Council was working on re-wilding.

Hemingford Grey PC had made a declaration of climate emergency in 2020 and had adopted a green policy and a tree planting policy. They had examined their mowing specification and, in making changes to it, had tried to balance the needs of residents, some of whom were keen on re-wilding and others who wanted a tidier look on the green spaces.

There were three key green spaces in the parish which were examined and, following consultation with residents, re-wilding schemes were drawn up and further feedback sought on the proposals. The resulting plan would be effective for the next 3-4 years.

Some of the new incentives the Council introduced were:

- Making all new benches from recycled plastic
- Having 'No Mow May' on two of the green areas and leaving non-mown strips until September each year
- Increasing biodiversity by careful planting
- Planting spring bulbs and wildflowers to deter mowing of verges
- Planting native hedging
- Holding community action days to litter pick, plant trees and fruit trees for community use
- Holding nature workshops, 9 events had been council-funded to date
- Creation of bug hotels/community hedgehog hunt

The Chairman thanked Councillor Meredith for her interesting presentation.

A28.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor R Chapman (Personal).

A29.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Agenda Item A41.00 – Councillors P Pope, M Burke, C Smith and J Tiddy – non pecuniary other interest as an acquaintance of the late Councillor Davies.

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A30.00 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Agenda Item A41.00 – a resident expressed his views on the proposed memorial.

A31.00 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 June 2022 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

A32.00 ROLLING PROGRAMME

Members were in receipt of the Rolling Programme.

A discussion was held on the appropriate location for the Outdoor Gym. There were concerns that Slepe Hall field might not be the ideal location due to the lack of parking in that area.

RESOLVED: A32.01 that agreement be deferred pending a re-assessment of all possible locations for the gym.

A32.02 that the matter be discussed at the September meeting of the Committee.

A33.00 BUDGET

RESOLVED: that the budget report be received and noted.

A34.00 AMENITIES STRATEGIC PLAN

The Chairman stated that St Ives had the lowest population of trees in the area and that the arboricultural team at HDC were keen to co-operate with extra planting.

The planting of a tree by each Town Mayor during his year of office was discussed.

RESOLVED: that the Strategic Plan be received and noted.

A35.00 APPLICATION FOR USE OF LAND

An application had been received for the use of Warner's Park on 11 September for a Charity Afternoon Tea in aid of Target Ovarian.

RESOLVED: A35.01 that consent be given to use of the Park for this event.

A35.02 that the Chairman and Amenities Manager discuss what further documentation should be requested from applicants seeking to use Council land.

A36.00 CEMETERY REGULATIONS

Members received an update from the Burials Officer on the timescale for receipt of interment notices.

RESOLVED: that the information be received and noted.

A37.00 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC

RESOVLED: 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.

A38.00 TREE WORKS**A38.01 Aspen Poplar Tree**

Consideration was given to the removal of a diseased aspen poplar on The Waits.

RESOLVED: that the recommendations of the Amenities Manager be agreed and progressed.

A38.02 Broadleas Cemtery Remedial Works

Consideration was given to quotations received for various works in the Cemetery.

RESOLVED: that the recommendations of the Amenities Manager be agreed and progressed.

A39.00 BUNDED DIESEL TANK

Consideration was given to the purchase of a banded diesel tank.

RESOLVED: that the tank be purchased at a cost of £1559.00.

A40.00 PURCHASE OF FARMERS' MARKET GAZEBOS

RESOLVED: that two Gala tent gazebos be purchased at a cost of £1163.96 to replace the two unfit for purpose.

A41.00 MEMORIAL

Members were in receipt of letter from resident in this matter.

A discussion was held on how to proceed.

RESOLVED: **A41.01** that the letter from the resident be received and noted.

A41.02 that the proposed flower bed not be proceeded with.

A41.03 that the poetry tribute be framed and displayed in the Chamber at no cost to the Council.

A42.00

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: 28 September 2022

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