

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee of St Ives Town Council
held in the Town Hall on 28 September 2022**

Present:

Chairman: Councillor M Burke

Vice Chairman: Councillor S Mokbul

Councillors: M King, J Tiddy, C Smith, P Pope (ex officio)

In attendance:

Proper Officer: D Bayliss

Locum Clerk: M Price

Democratic Officer: S Rawlinson

A43.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors N Wells (HDC commitment), and Councillor M Mallol Wright (Personal).

A44.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A44.01 Making Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED: that the extract from Standing Orders concerning making declarations of interest is received and noted.

A44.02 Retrospective Declarations

No retrospective declarations were made.

A44.03 Declarations of Interest

No declarations relating to this meeting were made.

A45.00 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Agenda Item A44.03 – A resident expressed concerns at the concept of making retrospective declarations of interest. This was, he stated, a deceitful practice and showed a misunderstanding of fundamental councillor duties.

He queried what happened to decisions taken at the time when declarations were not made as retrospective declarations had no legal standing and also what was the proper procedure in such cases.

The Chairman stated that a written response to the queries raised would be provided.

A46.00 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 July 2022 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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A47.00**ROLLING PROGRAMME**

Members were in receipt of the improved Rolling Programme which they agreed was much structured and streamlined.

RESOLVED: that the rolling programme be received and noted.

A48.00**BUDGET**

RESOLVED: that the budget report be received and noted.

A49.00**OUTDOOR GYM**

Consideration was given to an update report from the Locum Clerk.

Finding a suitable location for the equipment had proved problematic. Neither Slepe Hall field nor Warner's Park were considered appropriate due to their closeness to residential dwellings.

It was noted that the District Council were replacing much of their gym equipment with sensory items for children with special needs. While this was something the Council might look at, it was part of the Strategic Plan that encouragement be given to improving adult health and mental wellbeing.

RESOLVED: A49.01 that the update report is received and noted

A49.02 that discussions be held with the District Council to determine if it would be willing to accommodate gym equipment in Hill Rise Park or other open spaces in its ownership. A report to be provided to the next meeting.

A50.00**CHILDREN'S BURIAL GROUND**

Consideration was given to proposals for repairs and alterations to the Children's burial site at Ramsey Road Cemetery, to include replacement of the fence by box hedging and the provision of benches. Funds were in budget for these improvements and maintenance would be monitored via the Rolling Programme.

RESOLVED: A50.01 that the report is received and noted

A50.02 that the current picket fence be replaced by box hedging and some fragrant plants and that benches be provided.

A51.00**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.

A52.00**ALL SAINTS CEMETERY – VARIOUS TREE REMEDIAL WORKS**

Consideration was given to quotations received for the above works.

RESOLVED: A52.01 that the report is received and noted.

A52.02 that Eden Tree Specialists be appointed to undertake the remedial work at All Saints' Cemetery at a cost of £1600.

A53.00 PURCHASE OF NEW GROUNDS MAINTENANCE VEHICLE

Approval was sought for the purchase of a new grounds maintenance vehicle.

RESOLVED: A53.01 that the report is received and noted

A55.02` that a Peugeot Expert Van 1.5 Blue HDi 100 PR/PM S/Sr be purchased at a cost of £315.21 per month via a finance lease agreement with Global Vans and a trade in value of £500 on the current GM vehicle of £500 to reduce the overall deposit cost.

A54.00 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: 26 October 2022

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