

14th January 2025

Minutes of the proceedings of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** meeting held on this day in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, WOKINGHAM** from 7:30 pm to 8:22 pm.

PRESENT

Cllrs: S Cornish, A Fraser, C Jamthe, T Lack (Chairman), M Malvern (Vice Chair), A Medhurst and N Nagella

IN ATTENDANCE

Amenities Officer (AO) – Fiona Sleaford
Grounds & Bloom Officer – Marianna Pentek

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

Cllrs: R Bishop-Firth and M Fumagalli

MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Agenda Item 2)

None

**QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OR PUBLIC
(Agenda Item 3)**

None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Agenda Item 4)

It was proposed by Cllr Lack and seconded by Cllr Malvern, and it was

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that the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 05th November 2024 (pages 17086 to 17088) be received as a true and correct record and they be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

ACTION: AMENITIES OFFICER

WHA REQUEST FOR ORMONDE ROAD (Agenda Item 5)

Councillors received and discussed the Amenities Officer's report 03/2024-25, dated 18th December 2024.

Discussion points included:

- The expected availability of the proposed accessible toilet, for Wokingham Horticultural Association members, and for event attendees.
- Availability of the existing waterless toilet for use by allotment tenants.
- The position of the proposed toilet site and the loss of car parking spaces.
- The volume of complaints received by the Allotment Officer concerning the lack of car parking spaces at this site.
- An alternative location to position the requested septic tank and toilet.

It was proposed by Cllr Lack and seconded by Cllr Nagella, and it was

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to refuse the change to the number of car parking spaces, however, the WHA can relocate the proposed location of the toilet, and septic tank, to the side of the building, currently the garden room.

ACTION: AMENITIES OFFICER / TOWN CLERK

CHAIRMAN'S INITIALS _____



GRAFFITI UPDATE (Agenda Item 6)

Cllrs received:

- a) A photo montage of selected graffiti removal work completed by Cllr Croy in November and December 2024, and early January 2025.
- b) A brief written report from Cllr Croy, on his year of graffiti removal.

Thanks were given to Cllr Croy for his graffiti removal work and the report.

Cllrs considered it is appropriate that the police and the Borough Council's anti-social behaviour team should take more of an interest in this offence.

ACTION: AMENITIES OFFICER / TOWN CLERK

AMENITIES BUDGET (Agenda Item 7)

Cllrs received a copy of the income and expenditure for Amenities cost centres to 30th November 2024.

MONITORING REPORT (Agenda Item 8)

Councillors received and discussed the report dated 07th January 2025:

Item 176: Viking Field community orchard: An open meeting is to be held in the Town Hall on 7th February at 6pm, Cllr Timlin will Chair.

ACTION: GROUNDS & BLOOM OFFICER

Item 177: Failure of wall lighting on western Market Place: WBC's contractor Volker Highways completed the work by 21st November 2024, replacing all the lanterns and cabling. Item to be removed.

ACTIONS: AMENITIES OFFICER

Item 183: Play park equipment upgrade, FY2024-2025: Initial quotes being investigated, with work not due to start until spring, due to wet conditions.

ACTIONS: AMENITIES OFFICER

Item 184: Defibrillator for the Town Hall, FY2024-2025: Awaiting installation.

ACTIONS: AMENITIES OFFICER

AMENITIES COMMITTEE INFORMATION (Agenda Item 9)

Cllrs noted the following:

- a) The public right of way at Tan House Lane bridge opened in November 2024.
- b) Strategy Working Party suggested that information notices could be placed at play areas, with noticeboards, to inform residents of local public toilets.
- c) Unauthorised overnight, and long-term, parking issues at Redlands Farm Park. This is a continuing issue and new entrance gates have been ordered.

MATTERS TO PUBLICISE VIA SOCIAL MEDIA FROM THIS EVENING'S MEETING (Agenda Item 10)

- The community orchard open meeting, 7th February 2025.

ACTION: AMENITIES OFFICER / MARKETING OFFICER

Meeting closed at 8:22 pm.

CHAIRMAN

CHAIRMAN'S INITIALS _____

