

11th March 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 8:33 pm.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

Cllr: R Bishop-Firth

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 Malvern and seconded by Cllr Cornish, and it was

**RESOLVED
31014**

that the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 14th January 2025 (pages 17130 to 17131) be received as a true and correct record and they be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

ACTION: AMENITIES OFFICER

UPDATE ON PARKS (Agenda Item 5)

Councillors received and discussed the Grounds and Bloom Officer's report, 01/2025.

Discussion points included:

- Langborough Recreation Ground: the dropped curb extension, as requested to help facilitate vehicle access for the Children's Fun Day event.
- Viking Field: the positive response to the open meeting held to discuss the Community Orchard Project.
- Redlands Farm Park: the new heavy-duty barrier to be installed.

REQUEST TO VIRE FUNDS BETWEEN AMENITIES BUDGET LINES (Agenda Item 6)

Councillors received the Grounds and Bloom Officer's report, 02-2025, and considered the request.

**RESOLVED
31015**

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

that a virement of sufficient money should be made, from the Elms Field maintenance budget to the Town Hall maintenance budget, to cover the cost of the lift phone project.

ACTIONS: AMENITIES OFFICER / TOWN CLERK / FINANCE MANAGER

CHAIRMAN'S INITIALS _____



GRAFFITI UPDATE (Agenda Item 7)

Cllrs received an update regarding professional graffiti removal undertaken in January and February by CC-IS.

AMENITIES BUDGET (Agenda Item 8)

Cllrs received a copy of the income and expenditure for Amenities cost centres to 31st January 2025.

MONITORING REPORT (Agenda Item 9)

Councillors received and discussed the report dated 12th February 2025:

Item 176: Viking Field community orchard: Discussed under Agenda item 5.

ACTION: GROUNDS & BLOOM OFFICER

Item 183: Play park equipment upgrade, FY2024-2025: Update of ongoing works provided by the AO.

ACTIONS: AMENITIES OFFICER

Item 184: Defibrillator for the Town Hall, FY2024-2025: Awaiting installation, to be completed tomorrow 12th March 2025.

ACTIONS: AMENITIES OFFICER

AMENITIES COMMITTEE INFORMATION (Agenda Item 10)

Cllrs noted the following:

- a) A percolation test has been carried out as part of the investigation into resolving the drainage issue with the in-ground trampoline at Elms Field. Awaiting confirmation of the soakaway to be installed.
- b) Permission has been given to St Teresa's Catholic Academy to hold a Colour Run at King George V playing field on Friday 23rd May. Awaiting copies of their risk assessment and public liability insurance documents.
- c) Notice to Quit letters were issued to a number of allotment tenants due to non-payment of allotment rent owed from 1st November 2024. 10 plots will be offered to tenants on the waiting list.
- d) There has been a request for Christmas lights from businesses on Elms Field.

MATTERS TO PUBLICISE VIA SOCIAL MEDIA FROM THIS EVENING'S MEETING (Agenda Item 11)

- No items were selected

Meeting closed at 8:33 pm.

CHAIRMAN

CHAIRMAN'S INITIALS _____

