

COMMUNITY AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Community Amenities Committee held at the Walter Gidney Pavilion, Soham on Thursday 5 May 2022.

Present Cllr D Woricker (Chair), C Warner, K Horgan, Mesdames R Aitchison & E Johnston,

NOTED Cllr Johnston opened the meeting as current Chair of Soham Town Council then handed the over to Cllr David Woricker to Chair the meeting.

COM01/122 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE OF COUNCILLORS**

There were no apologies or absences recorded to committee membership.

COM02/22 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Aitchison had a declaration of interest to E) Ambulance Station.

COM03/22 **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES – to include:**

A) Phase 2 Pavilion/Back Hall

NOTED a lengthy discussion took place regarding this item.

RECOMMENDATION to Full Council to engage with local community and groups regarding their expectations of use and facilities required.

B) High Street Greening/Trees – Replanting Scheme

NOTED deferred as Cllr Peter Leonard was unable to attend

C) Byeway 113 – Soham/Wicken Cycle Path

NOTED a draft agreement has been received, this will be discussed at Full Council on 9th May 2022.

NOTED a meeting has taken place with ECDC regarding match funding.

RECOMMENDATION to Full Council. Project Manager is required to take charge of delivering this project and managing the fund.

D) Public Toilets – Refurbishments.

NOTED that any refurbishments are completed by ECDC under their current lease agreement.

NOTED Cllr Johnston will contact ECDC Parks & Opens Spaces department to see if any further works are scheduled to be completed.

E) Ambulance Station

NOTED that the offer to purchase is ongoing.

F) Land Assets

NOTED Drayton Meadows land purchase is complete.

NOTED the Pembroke land is on hold at present due to an issue with Land Registration.

NOTED The Hopkins Home section of land for cemetery extension has been transferred and we are awaiting completion paperwork.

G) Scout/Guide Hut Lease

NOTED a lengthy discussion took place regarding this item.

APPROVED for Cllr Johnston to confirm whether the building can be used for business hire as S106 monies from ECDC was used in it's re-build

NOTED the lease is still in the hands of the Scout & Guide Association solicitor.

H) ROSPA Reports

RECOMMENDATION to Full Council to see if Cllr A Pallett would be happy/willing to look over and see if/what needs actioning.

I) Millennium Walks

NOTED Cllr D Woricker will contact the Staploe Rotary Club to see where they are with this project

NOTED the walk brochure requires re-mapping & updating.

J) Biodiversity

RECOMMENDATION to Full Council to establish and encourage wild flowers on small areas of land owned by the Town Council.

K) Barway Charity

NOTED this is ongoing, the charity needs to be reconstituted with Charity Commission.

L) Commons Management

NOTED these are privately owned and therefore public money can not be spent on them.

NOTED Soham Town Council are still very keen to set up a management committee with all relevant parties, including the land owner.

COM04/22 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING (TO BE CONVENED AT REQUEST OF CHAIRPERSON OR UNDERSTANDING ORDER DATE & TIME TBD)**

The meeting was closed at 12:35pm by Cllr E Johnston