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NOTICE OF MEETING:
Community Amenities Committee
TIME: 7.15pm
DATE: 26th June 2023
VENUE: Walter Gidney Pavilion
Fountain Lane Soham
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SOHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Soham Town Council Community Amenities Committee Meeting held at the Walter Gidney Pavilion, Fountain Lane, recreation ground, Soham on Monday 26th June 2023.

Present: Cllrs E Johnston, D Woricker, A Pallett, G Dyer and K Horgan.
M Francis, Assistant Town Clerk.

In attendance: There were 4 members of the public present.

The meeting was opened at 7.15pm.

MINUTES

COM01/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr A Jones, Cllr H Ross was recorded as absent.

COM02/23 COUNCILLORS' DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Noted none declared.

COM03/23 COMMUNITY AMENITIES PROJECTS FOR DISCUSSION

a) Cemetery Chapel update – Cllr Woodbridge

NOTED – Councillors met with the Project Manager of CEL Group with any questions they may have regarding the ongoing chapel works.

NOTED – awaiting the T3 Assessment for the cemetery extension, following this council will need to decide on a plan of works or other options for the ground.

(Garden of Reflection)

b) Soham to Wicken Cycleway update – Cllr Woricker

NOTED - Stakeholders will bring final plans forward and these will be available for consultation. They are looking at completion for Summer 2024. Highways have stated that they will maintain the cycleway annually.

c) Allotments update – Cllr Dyer

NOTED – Looking at purchasing allotment software.

NOTED - Both sites need clearance works, Weatheralls rubbish is in progress and Berrycroft compost bins need emptying.

NOTED - Need to think about giving notice to allotment holders on the Millcroft site.

NOTED – To look at cost for installation of water on Weatheralls site.

d) Purchase and sale of land update – Cllr Johnston

NOTED - Land being purchased has now been registered by vendor so should have completion date soon. We have been forwarded a new tenancy agreement to discuss and approve along with the charge for the annual rent.

NOTED – Ownership of the road that runs along the site is included in the land purchase, need to discuss whether this will be included within the cemetery for further burials or keep as it is (road/byway).

e) Drayton Meadows update – Cllr Johnston

NOTED – One fence post has worked loose and repair is scheduled.

NOTED – Recycled bench to be sited in a dedicated area for wellness/mental health.

NOTED – This is a dedicated wildlife area with human interaction but not for them to disturb what is already there. There is a mowed walkway for residents.

APPROVED unanimously - Cllr Johnston to look into grants from ECDC (Pride of Place & Parish Nature Recovery Plans).

NOTED – The shed will be removed in August once all birds have finished nesting.

f) Churchyard wall update – Cllr Horgan

NOTED – ECDC grant Soham Town Council applied for regarding repairs of St Andrew’s Church wall have been approved and the Clerk is awaiting permissions from the Vicar and Diocese.

g) Skatepark – to consider and agree plans and budget.

APPROVE TO RECOMMEND to full council, unanimously, the skatepark budget of £150,000.00

NOTED - Cllr Pallett will chase Bencrete for plans to present to Full Council and other interested parties.

h) Pavilion Phase II – to consider and agree plans.

APPROVED TO RECOMMEND to full council, unanimously, plans for back hall with a caveat regarding how it will be heated. AGREED for Cllr Johnston to confirm with architect.

i) Future projects.

NOTED - Further facilities for the youth to include a concrete table tennis table.

NOTED - Concerns regarding traffic issues at Julius Martin Lane/Townsend & Townsend Corner.

NOTED - Look at reviewing unit number signage for our street lights.

COM04/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 4th September 2023 7.15pm Walter Gidney Pavilion

Meeting closed 8.30pm

Approved and signed by the Chairman 4th September 2023