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COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting of Chard Town Council held on Tuesday 6th January 2009 in the Town Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: **Councillors:**

M J Wale – Mayor
Mrs C A Morrision – Deputy Mayor
Mrs J Kenton - Chairman
D M Bulmer
Mrs S Wyatt
D R Hill
A Kenton
D M Mears
D J E Orchard

In Attendance: Mr J Furze (Town Clerk) Mr A Hensher (Amenities Manager) Ms S Pittwood (Office Manager)

There were no members of public or press present.

98. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Dowell and Cllr G Shortland both illness.

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies and approve the reason given.

99. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

100. Exclusion of the press and public - To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded under Standing Order 35.

RESOLVED: that no agenda item be treated as confidential after the public (including the press) have been excluded under Standing Order 35.

101. Amenities Manager's Report – already circulated**.**

RESOLVED: to accept and note the Amenities Manager's Report

102. Amenities matters

a) Lighting of Footpath in Stringfellow Park – raised by SSDC Cllr N Mermagen

RESOLVED: District Cllr Mermagen's request be noted but declined at this time. Town Clerk to write to Cllr Mermagen.

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b) Review of Hanging Basket Charges for the year commencing April 2009

RESOLVED: The charges for Hanging Baskets for 2009 will rise by 5%

c) SSDC Annual Play Inspection Offer & Playground Risk Assessment Service

RESOLVED: That South Somerset District Council be engaged to conduct an inspection of Chard Town Council's playgrounds together with a risk assessment.

d) Letter from Marshall Herbert requesting the use of Stringfellow Park for a Spring Fair and the annual Carnival Fair for 2009.

Committee noted the one complaint concerning nuisance raised by Mrs Southgate of Stringfellow Crescent raised on her behalf by David Laws MP.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk writes to Marshall Herbert:-

1) **granting Council's permission for the use of Stringfellow Park for a Spring Fair in May and a Carnival Fair in October subject to his acceptance of the revised Fairground conditions of hire.**
2) **stipulating there will be no amplified sound used after 11.00pm on Saturdays and 10.00pm on all other days.**
3) **the charges for the Spring Fair being £110 per day and £180 per day for the Carnival Fair.**

103. Notice of Motion from Cllr D M Bulmer received on 18th December 2008.

That this Council:-

1. replaces the lost or rotten wooden stakes (aka 'Dragons Teeth') at the car park area of Jocelyn Park and kerbside along Millfield.
2. removes the stake fence between Clare House and #19 Millfield and the area tidied up.
3. revises an annual work programme for Jocelyn Park. This programme to be drawn up by the Amenities Manager in conjunction with the Town Clerk, Cllr D M Bulmer and the Amenities Chairman.

There was no seconder for this motion and it was ruled out, without discussion, under Standing Order #12(b)

104. Cemetery – to review the charges for the year commencing 1st April 2009.

RESOLVED: The charges for Chard Cemetery with effect from 1st April 2009 will rise by 20%.

105. Budget Update

RESOLVED: that all Councillors had noted the Year to Date Budget.

The meeting closed at 8.43pm.

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Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting of Chard Town Council held on Tuesday 3 March 2009 in the Town Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: **Councillors:**

M J Wale – Mayor
Mrs C A Morrision – Deputy Mayor
Mrs J Kenton - Chairman
D R Hill
A Kenton
G Shortland

In Attendance: Mr J Furze (Town Clerk) Mr A Hensher (Amenities Manager) Ms S Pittwood (Office Manager)

There was 1 member of public present

106. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D Orchard & Cllr S Dowell – both detained at work, Cllr Mrs S Wyatt – family illness and Cllr D Bulmer – conflicting social engagement.

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies and approve the reason given.

107. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

108. Exclusion of the press and public - To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded under Standing Order 35.

RESOLVED: that no agenda item be treated as confidential after the public (including the press) have been excluded under Standing Order 35.

109. Amenities Manager's Report – already circulated**.**

Cllr Hill commended Mr Andy Bourner for his excellent work in producing the vehicle signs.

RESOLVED: to accept and note the Amenities Manager's Report

110. Amenities matters

a) Members to discuss the necessity for additional "dog bins" to be placed at various sites within the Town.

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RESOLVED: to install a dog bin in Forton Road and Catchgate Lane – the Amenities Manager to locate suitable sites.

111. Cemetery

a) Cemetery Chapel Windows – progress report on repairs.

The Amenities Manager gave an update on the ongoing repairs to the windows in the Cemetery Chapels.

RESOLVED: to note

112. Notice of Motion from Cllr Mrs J Kenton received on 5th February 2009 - "That this Council develops a strategy for clearing of snow from pavements within the town."

Cllr A Kenton seconded the motion. After some discussion Cllr M Wale proposed an amendment to the motion, seconded by Cllr D Hill - "That this Council develops a strategy for clearing of snow within the town"; the motion was carried 5 votes for and 1 abstention. The original motion was therefore lost.

RESOLVED: that it be delegated to the Town Clerk in conjunction with the Committee Chairman to meet with County Highways and SSDC Street Scene to produce a strategy.

113. Notice of Motion from Cllr Mrs J Kenton received 19 February 2009 - "That this Council purchases, erects and dresses a Christmas Tree outside the Guildhall for Christmas 2009."

Cllr D Hill seconded the motion. After some discussion Cllr D Hill proposed an amendment to the motion, seconded by Cllr A Kenton – "That the Rotary Club of Chard be approached to ask if they would resume the practice of erecting decorated Christmas trees on the Guildhall Balcony for Christmas 2009." The Motion was carried unanimously. The original motion was therefore lost.

RESOLVED: to delegate to the Town Clerk to approach the Rotary Club of Chard to see if they wished to resume the practice of erecting decorated Christmas trees for the Guildhall Balcony.

114. Budget Update

RESOLVED: that all Councillors had noted the Year to Date Budget.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

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COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting of Chard Town Council held on Tuesday 7 July 2009 in the Town Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: **Councillors:**

Mrs J C Shortland – Mayor
Mrs C A Morrision – Deputy Mayor
Mrs J Kenton – Chairman
D M Bulmer
D R Hill
D Keitch
A Kenton
G Shortland
Mrs S P Wyatt

In Attendance: Mr J Furze – Town Clerk, Mr A Hensher – Amenities Manager and Ms S Pittwood – Office Manager

There were 2 members of public and 1 member from the press present.

115. To Elect a Chairman of the Amenities Committee.

Cllr Mrs S Wyatt proposed and Cllr D R Hill seconded, Cllr G Shortland for the post.– there were no other nominations.

RESOLVED: that Cllr G Shortland be elected as Chairman of the Amenities Committee until such time as a new Chairman is elected.

116. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given.

Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr D M Mears – conflicting meeting and Cllr S Dowell – detained at work.

RESOLVED: to note and accept the reasons given.

117. Declarations of Interest. Members to declare any interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 SI No.1159.

There were no declarations of interest

118. Exclusion of the press and public - To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded under Standing Order #35.

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RESOLVED – that no Agenda item be treated as confidential and dealt with after the public (including the press) has been excluded under Standing Order no 35.

119. Amenities Manager's Report

Cllr Mrs Shortland congratulated the Amenities Team on the wonderful flower displays throughout the town.

Questions were raised regarding Jocelyn Park being given priority over Ashcroft for the playbuilder funding.

RESOLVED: to accept and note the Amenities Manager's Report; that the lower branches of the trees between the road and the play area at Ashroft should be cut back for reasons of safety; that Ashcroft play area would be given priority for any funding available in 2010/11.

120. Playbuilder Project – Report from Cllr D M Bulmer

RESOLVED: to note Cllr Bulmer's Report

121. Review of Charges – Members to review the charges made for:-

a) Cemetery

Cllr D Keitch proposed that charges be frozen for one year. There was no seconder therefore the motion failed.
Cllr D R Hill proposed and Cllr Mrs S Wyatt seconded that there should be a 10% increase for the year 2010/11 – the motion was carried 4 votes for and 3 against with 1 abstention.

RESOLVED: there to be a 10% increase in Cemetery charges for 2010/11.

b) Allotments

Cllr Mrs J C Shortland proposed and Cllr D R Hill seconded that the annual rental from October 2009 should be £14.00 and rise to £16.00 the following year – the motion was carried 7 votes for and 1 abstention.

RESOLVED: that the allotment rent for 2009/10 should be £14.00 and £16.00 for the year 2010/11. Both charges will have the appropriate pro-rata water charge added to them.

c) Hanging Baskets

Cllr Mrs J C Shortland proposed and Cllr Mrs C A Morrison seconded on increase of 3% for 2010/11 – the motion was carried 6 votes for and 2 against.

RESOLVED: to increase hanging basket charges by 3% for 2010/11.

The meeting closed at 8.29pm.

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COUNCIL MINUTES

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Present: **Councillors:**

Mrs J C Shortland – Mayor
G Shortland - Chairman
D Bulmer
D R Hill
Mrs S Wyatt

In Attendance: Mr J Furze (Town Clerk) Mr A Hensher (Amenities Manager) Ms S Pittwood (Office Manager)

There were no members of the press or public present

122. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dowell – conflicting meeting, Cllrs A Kenton and Mrs J Kenton – moving house and Cllr Mears – detained at work

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies and approve the reason given.

123. Declarations of Interest.

Cllrs D M Bulmer and D R Hill declared a personal interest in agenda item 5a) both being members of the Chard in Bloom committee.

124. Exclusion of the press and public - To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded under Standing Order 35.

RESOLVED: that agenda item no 7, Proposed Amenities Budget for 2010/2011, be treated as confidential after the public (including the press) have been excluded under Standing Order 35.

125. Amenities Manager's Report

Cllr Mrs Wyatt congratulated the Amenities Team on this year's planting around the town.

RESOLVED: to accept and note the Amenities Manager's Report

126. Amenities matters

a) Chard in Bloom **-** Results of South West in Bloom 2009 & entry into South West in Bloom 2010

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The Chairman congratulated the Amenities Team on all the hard work put in to achieve a Silver Gilt Award at the recent South West in Bloom presentations.

After some discussion it was

RESOLVED: not to enter into the South West in Bloom competition for 2010; to consider entering again in 2011.

127. Allotments

a) Report of Annual Meeting of Allotment Holders and Discussion of Matters Arising

The Town Clerk updated members on the discussion with Allotment Holders where several issues had been discussed.

RESOLVED: to note the Town Clerk's report; that the Town Clerk meet with one of the Allotment Association members.

128. In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is likely that the press and public will be excluded during consideration of this item (Agenda Item 3 refers). **Proposed Amenities Budget for 20010/2011**

RESOLVED: that the proposed budget for 2010/2011 goes forward for consideration by the Finance and Personnel Committee on Tuesday 24 November 2009.

The meeting closed at 8.38pm