



Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 24 October at 7.00pm in **The Poppy Centre**, Stalham.

Present: Cllrs M Green, P Hanton, R Hood, M Lilley, G Palmer, S Toone (Chair), M Willoughby.
Clerk: Sarah Hunt

1. Minutes.

The minutes of the Amenities committee meeting held on June 27th 2022 were AGREED as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. Apologies.

Cllr K Bayes – COVID related. Cllr M McGeary – Work. Cllr C Scrivner – transport.

3. Declarations of Interest.

None.

4. Updates on Matters not on the agenda.

4.1 Land Registrations – no updates, all registrations sit with Land Registry.

4.2 Pic Nic Area Noticeboard at the Staithe – received awaiting installation.

4.3 Memorial Bench Installation – Smallburgh House – letter sent to landowner, awaiting response.

5. Public Participation.

None present.

6. Town Planning.

6.1 Applications. To consider any applications circulated prior to the meeting.

6.1.1 BA/2022/0281/FUL. Simpsons Boatyard, The Staithe, Stalham, Norfolk. Removal of 3 houseboats & erection of 3 holiday chalets. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS RECEIVED. No comment to be made.

6.1.2 Pre-planning advice (note date for comments). WHP Telecoms Ltd – Proposed communications installation for Arqiva's smart meter network for Anglian Water at Stalham Sewage Treatment Works, Stalham, Wayford Rd, Stalham, NR12 9LH. No comment to be made.

6.2 Decisions. To receive notification of any decisions received prior to the meeting.

6.2.1 None

7. Highways and Footpaths.

7.1 Highways – No current issues to bring to the attention of the Committee.

7.2 Footpaths – Cllr M Willoughby has reported a missing signpost where FP7 meets FP9. No other issues were reported.

8. Burial Ground and Cemeteries.

8.1 Tree works on Burial Ground Extension. Permission received from NNDC. Quotation for works not yet available.

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8.2 Contractors have attended site with regard to grassing the cleared area, no quotations yet received. It was AGREED this was a priority.

8.3 The pedestrian gap in hedging has been re-opened. It was AGREED to place Heras fencing to try to close this to pedestrians to discourage inappropriate use of the area.

8.4 Extension Roadway – will be on porous lattice material – quotes awaited.

8.5 To note that crocus bulbs have been received. Councillors to plant Saturday 5th November 2022.

8.6 To receive quotation from Murrell Cord for 'reserved' markers of £1660.00 for 50. Alternative solutions to be sought.

9. Allotments.

9.1 Roadway. The landowner has agreed to Type 1 Granite on roadway only. Guide price £86.40 for one bulk bag (1 tonne). It was AGREED that this be ordered up to a cost of £120.00/tonne bag. To be delivered to allotments.

9.2 Compost Bins – Price to next full council meeting. Cllr Palmer.

9.3 NOTED that it has been reported that there is green waste being left in the hedged areas adjacent to Staithe Road.

9.4 It was AGREED to recommend renewal of Pest Control at £60.00/visit.

10. Streetlights.

10.1 Clerk to ascertain the number of lights currently LED fitted. Costs to be pursued from Cozens if available for retrofitting Solar/LED lights.

Cllr Palmer left the meeting.

10.2 It was AGREED not to replace any columns in 2023/24.

10.3 NOTED that the fixed term electricity contract expires in May 2023. No prices are yet available. Currently: 14.962p/kWh and 19.217p/day with climate charge levy 0.00775£/kWh.

11. Town Hall.

11.1 Electricity – NOTED that the supply is 'deemed' which is out of contract: Day 37.21p/Kw. Night 30.21 Kw. Standing Charge 150p/day E.on have been contacted and currently can only offer flexible tariff – cheaper standing charge, more expensive units. A call back has been ordered for when they are able to offer a fixed tariff for Council to consider.

12. Pond.

12.1 The report from BCTV following pond clearance was received. Spoil to be removed as requested. Clerk to instruct Mr Pegg. District Council to be requested to undertake the dredging works.

13. Matters for reporting or future agenda.

To review the Burial Ground costs.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Pest Control contract be renewed at a cost of £60.00/visit.

That no streetlight columns be replaced in 2023/24.