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**Minutes of the Community Services Committee held on Tuesday 11 April 2023 at 19:00  
in the Main Hall of the Village Hall, Towers Ways, Corfe Mullen**

**Present:**                   **Councillors**  
A Craven (Chair)  
A Holland  
P Holland  
S Jefferies  
D Mattocks  
P Purvis  
D Sowry-House

**In Attendance:**       Catherine Horsley (Town Clerk – Minute taker)

**Public Participation**

There was one member of the public present, who did not wish to speak.

**CS 22/56       To Receive and Accept apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85 (1))**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Neil who was attending the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

**CS 22/57       To Record any declarations of interest** Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)

There were no declarations of interest.

**CS 22/58       Paper A - To Approve minutes of meeting held on 14 March 2023** LGA 1972, sch 12, para 41

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2023 were **APPROVED**.

**CS 22/59       Paper B - To Approve Accounts for Payment**

Cllr Craven queried whether the Grounds Team members had the appropriate licences in order to be able to tow the recently purchased trailer. The Clerk confirmed all team members had the appropriate licences; however, one team member had requested towing training. Cllr Craven felt all members should carryout training and the Clerk agreed to investigate costs.

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the accounts for payment, totalling £15,000.32.

**CS 22/60       Paper C - To Note Update on Amenities**

The Clerk presented the report, with the following comments noted:

- **Tree Survey** - In progress, with the Arboriculturist completing the survey in stages over the next few weeks, who was currently surveying trees at Springdale Open Space.
- **Bus Shelter** – Members sympathised with the elderly resident who had requested a bench and/or bus shelter on Wareham Road. However, due to budget constraints, the Town Council would be unable to support the request in the 2023/24 financial year. However, it was agreed to investigate costs for a bus shelter in the location, with a view to allocating sufficient budget in the 2024/25 financial year.
- **Henbury Play Area** – The quotation to supply 65 x 5L Griselinia Littoralis plants for planting on two of the boundaries at the play area was discussed. It was noted there was no budget allocated in 2023/24 financial year for any groundwork and/or purchasing of plants.
- **Step into Sport** – Members discussed the request from the Football Academy who operate from Queen Elizabeth Leisure Centre, Wimborne to place an advertising banner at the Recreation Ground.

The update was **NOTED**.

It was **RESOLVED** to investigate costs and planning permission ahead of budget setting for the 2024/25 financial year, to locate a bus shelter on Wareham Road opposite the Co-op

It was **RESOLVED** to investigate costs for the groundwork at Henbury View Play Area as soon as practicably possible in order to prepare the area for planting. Consideration of type and size of planting to be revisited ahead of budget setting and purchasing in the 2024/25 financial year.

It was **RESOLVED** to refuse the request from Step into Sport to place an advertising banner at the Recreation Ground.

#### **CS 22/61 Paper D - To Note Update on Allotments**

The Clerk presented the report, noting the status of voting by plot holders for self-management of the allotment site and path preferences.

Members discussed the budget constraints for the site should the Town Council retain management of the allotment site and resources for installation of sheds of behalf of plot holders.

The update was **NOTED**.

It was **RESOLVED** not to proceed with purchasing of sheds at this time, due to limited Grounds Team resources as a result of the Head Groundsman's retirement and one team member on long term sick leave.

#### **CS 22/62 Paper E - To Note Update on the Cemeteries**

The Clerk presented the report and apologised for the letter to burial right holders relating to adornments still being outstanding. Members acknowledged the current workload for office staff and noted the letter should be sent from July 2023.

The update was **NOTED**.

**CS 22/63**      **Matters for forthcoming agendas** No decisions can be taken<sup>1</sup>

Cllr Sowry-House noted a recent social media post in the community group relating to behaviours of users in the skate park at the Recreation Ground. It was agreed a reminder of the use of the facility for all would be included in the next Link magazine article.

**CS 22/64**      **To Agree a date and time for the next meeting** – Meeting to be held on Tuesday 13 June 2023 at 19:00 in the main hall of the Village Hall, Towers, Way, Corfe Mullen.

**CS 22/65**      **Close of Meeting at 19:54.**

*Signed as a correct record of the meeting*..... *Date* .....

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<sup>1</sup> Councils cannot lawfully decide items of business which are not specified in the summons/agenda (LGA1972 sch 12, paras 10(2)(b) and Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119)