



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ODIHAM PARISH COUNCIL'S
AMENITIES AREAS COMMITTEE HELD IN THE LIBRARY ROOM, THE BRIDEWELL,
THE BURY, ODIHAM, RG29 1NB ON 21st FEBRUARY 2023 AT 9.15PM**

Present: Cllrs D Sanger (Chair), K Ball, T Griffith, A McFarlane, D Sanger,
C Seabrook and P Verdon.

In attendance: A Mann (Parish Clerk) and B Tate (Deputy Clerk).

AA48/22 Apologies for absence

Received and accepted from Cllrs Coleman, who observed the meeting on Zoom.

AA49/22 Declarations of interests and requests for dispensation relating to any item on the agenda

None received.

AA50/22 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2022 (AA32/22–AA47/22) were approved as a true record of the meeting and would be signed by the Chair at a later date.

(Proposed by Cllr Sanger, seconded by Cllr Verdon, all in favour).

AA51/22 Chairs Announcements

None.

AA52/22 Public Session

There were no members of the public present.

AA53/22 Meeting Action Points

The progress on the meeting actions point list, as presented with the agenda, was reviewed and noted.

AA54/22 Amenity Officer's Site Report on resolutions made at the previous meeting and matters arising

The report was reviewed and the following decisions

RESOLVED

- i) The new bund in the cemetery would be planted with mixed native hedging whips and Councillors volunteered to manage the planting. It was noted that watering would be necessary during year one plus regular annual maintenance.
- ii) Mulch should be added around the orchard trees.
- iii) To ask the Amenities Officer to oil the Community Orchard interpretation boards and Cllr Ball offered to donate the teak oil.
- iv) To update and refer a quotation received for finishing hedge works along the Reynteins View boundary to the next financial year due to budget constraints.

AA55/22 Benches

- i) Councillors thanked a resident for the £1,000 donation towards the maintenance of the Parish Council owned benches which had been partly utilised to repair the bench overlooking the quarry.



- ii) A quote in the value of £1,240 to repair the bench at Chamberlain Gardens was considered and it was RESOLVED to obtain costs for removing and replacing with a new bench.
- iii) The next priorities in the bench audit were agreed as follows:
 - Replacing the wooden slates in the bench opposite North Warnborough Village Hall.
 - Repairs to a memorial bench next to the ford.
 - Oiling the two benches either side of the stocks in The Bury.
- iv) RESOLVED
A new memorial benches and trees policy was agreed, as presented with the agenda with minor revision.
(Proposed by Cllr Sanger, seconded by Cllr Verdon, all in favour).
- v) RESOLVED
Delegation was granted to the Clerk to purchase picnic benches in line with 2023/24 budget to ensure delivery before the King's Coronation weekend.
Councillors preferred option 1.
(Proposed by Cllr Sanger, seconded by Cllr McFarlane, all in favour).

AA56/22

Cemetery Rules

RESOLVED

Proposed changes to the Cemetery Rules were agreed, as presented with the agenda and with minor revision.

(Proposed by Cllr Sanger, seconded by Cllr McFarlane, all in favour).

AA57/22

Date of the next meeting

16th May 2023.

Confidential Matters

AA58/22

To pass a resolution in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press to consider confidential contractual and staffing matters which meet the criteria of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Part 1.

RESOLVED

AA59/22

Fencing on Chapels

Councillors considered next steps to deter sleeping in the South Chapel porch and noted the multi-agency meeting scheduled to take place the following week.

Being no further business the meeting closed at 10pm.

Signed..... Date.....