



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ODIHAM PARISH COUNCIL'S AMENITIES AREAS
COMMITTEE HELD AT THE BRIDEWELL, THE BURY, RG29 1NB
ON TUESDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2024 at 9pm**

Present: Cllrs A McFarlane, P Verdon, C Seabrook and M Tate.
In attendance: Andrea Mann (Parish Clerk) and Bridie Tate (Deputy Clerk).

Cllr McFarlane was appointed to Chair the meeting.

AA46/23 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Bell and Sanger.

AA47/23 To receive declarations of interests and requests for dispensation relating to any item on the agenda

AA48/23 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Amenities Areas Committee meeting held on 21st November 2023 (AA32/23–AA45/23) were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the chair.

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

AA49/23 Chairs Announcements

None.

AA50/23 Public Session

There were no members of the public present.

AA51/23 Meeting Action Points

The progress on the meeting actions points were noted, as presented with the agenda.

AA52/23 Amenities contracts decisions taken under the Clerk's delegated authority

The decisions taken in order to efficiently and safely manage OPC's assets were noted.

AA53/23 Quote to repair the zip wire

RESOLVED

- i) Not to proceed with the repair at the current time.
- ii) To set up a working group to review each playground and agree which pieces of equipment should be repaired when faults arise so there's a plan in place should budgets prevent repair of all failures. Members were agreed: Cllrs McFarlane, Seabrook and Verdon plus Cllr Sanger if available.

AA54/23 New area of reflection, Odiham Cemetery

Following a previous decision to install a memorial sculpture for families to install a remembrance plaque for someone not buried in Odiham Cemetery, members considered an offer for a donated bird bath.

RESOLVED

To accept on the offer from Haven Memorials on the basis a lighter coloured stone can be offered.

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



AA55/23

Update on the Hampshire Forest Partnership project

The written report provided with the agenda was noted. Cllr McFarlane further reported that discussions were in progress with local schools.

It was agreed that OPC should facilitate a meeting with local landowners to gauge interest in the project.

AA56/23

Accessible public toilet provision in Odiham

Members acknowledged the lack of accessible toilet provision in Odiham during the evenings and reviewed a plan of the King St toilets to see whether it was feasible to reconfigure the space to accommodate one unisex accessible cubicle.

Following discussion, it was agreed to ask Cllr Cornall to look at the measurements to see whether an accessible toilet would fit within King St toilet space.

AA57/23

Date of the next meeting

21st May 2024.

AA58/23

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 matters which meet the criteria of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Part 1

RESOLVED

AA59/23

Appeals on cemetery enquiries

- i) Memorial application
RESOLVED

Members approved the colour and shape of the memorial but request the overall size to be within the dimensions set out in the Cemetery Rules.
(Proposed by Cllr McFarlane , seconded by Cllr Verdon, all in favour).

- ii) Request for burial in RAF section of cemetery.
RESOLVED

a) Permission was declined. An alternative plot would be offered as close as possible to this section.

b) To update OPC's website to clearly show the RAF section of the cemetery is strictly reserved for personnel who die in service.

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

Being no further business the meeting closed at 9.26pm.

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