

# SAWBRIDGEWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

## AMENITIES COMMITTEE

### Minutes

of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held at the Council Offices, Sayesbury Manor, Bell Street, Sawbridgeworth at 18.45 hrs on **Monday 28 June 2021**.

#### Those present

Cllr John Burmicz

Cllr Annelise Furnace

Cllr Angela Alder

Cllr Nathan Parsad

Cllr Craig Chester

Cllr Greg Rattey

#### **In attendance:**

J Sargant – Interim Town Clerk

#### **A21/01 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR**

**Resolved:** That Cllr Burmicz be Chair of the committee for the civic year 2021/22 [*prop Cllr Alder; secd Cllr Chester*]

#### **A21/02 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR**

**Resolved:** To elect Cllr Furnace as Vice Chair of the committee for the civic year 2021/22 [*prop Cllr Burmicz; secd Cllr Chester*]

#### **A21/03 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Coysten was absent'

#### **A21/04 PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no questions from members of the public on matters within the remit of the Amenities Committee.

#### **A21/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Pecuniary Interest by Members

#### **A21/06 MINUTES**

**Resolved:** To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 15 February 2021 (A03) [*prop Cllr Alder; secd Cllr Furnace*]

There were no matters arising from these Minutes and not dealt with elsewhere on this Agenda.

#### **A21/07 ALLOTMENTS**

**Received and noted** – Allotments Officer Report

- Cllr Alder gave thanks to staff that resolved the fly tipping issue and managed the project at Bullfields allotment site with the introduction of a hard standing inside the gate and reclaiming land that had not been worked for a number of years.

#### **A21/08 CEMETERY**

**Received and noted** – Cemetery Officer Report

#### **A21/09 FOOTPATHS & OPEN SPACES**

- Interim Clerk advised that a new heavy duty strimmer with a specialised mulching head has been purchased to deal

specifically with footpaths that we are responsible for i.e. Elmwood to river footpath that we have adopted.

- Cllr Furnace advised that a meeting had taken place via zoom between the canals and rivers trust and Cllr Furnace, Cllr Royle and Interim Town Clerk, it was a very useful meeting with much information sharing. An on-site meeting will now take place with the trust to discuss problem areas and to establish a working relationship between the trust and the town council.

**A21/10 OPERATIONS**

To receive, note and discuss matters relating to Operations

- Sawbobus remains operational for 3 days a week, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. A job vacancy to replace Cyril Lumley who retired in January has gone out. Once a new driver is recruited discussions will take place to re-instate the service to 5.5 days a week.

**A21/11 ECO-AUDIT WORKING PARTY**

***Received and noted*** – Eco Audit Report

- Cllr Furnace advised that:
  - Next working party meeting will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> July.
  - Clean Air Day was a success and there are now signs up in shops and in the car park highlighting the importance of the subject.

**A21/12 WEST ROAD TELEPHONE BOX**

A written report was circulated to members at the beginning of the meeting that gave some historical information about the telephone box, the current condition and some ideas for consideration for its future use.

It was proposed that the telephone box be transformed into a planter.  
*[prop Cllr Alder; secd Cllr Furnace]*

**A21/13 DEFIBRILATOR PROVISION**

Interim Town Clerk advised that a list of defibrillator locations around the town the availability of these had been compiled and was now on notice boards and on the town council website.

**A21/14 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

There were no items for future agendas

Meeting ended at 19:25