

# STILTON PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting of Stilton Parish Council held on Tuesday 25 August 2020 hosted remotely on Zoom**

### **Present:**

Councillors: Gilden (Chair), Angus, Bull, Darnell and J Leonard

Clerk: Lawrence

Others: J Gilles (Pavilion Administrator,) W Arthur (SFC manager) and a member of the public was also present

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### **AMC01/08/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Shailer (personal reasons) sent apologies. C Keeble was also absent.

**It was noted Cllr Leonard was trying to join the meeting but was unable to due to technical difficulties**

### **AMC02/08/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations made.

### **AMC03/08/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The member of the public raised concerns about the limited invitations to the site/Pavilion meetings due to take place in early September. It was explained by Councillors that invitations had been selected on the basis of properties overlooking the potential sites amid Covid-19 restrictions too. The MOP also raised the issue of the dyke being dangerous at the Apreece Way location and was advised that any additional questions could be forwarded to the Clerk which would then be put forward on his behalf at the site/Pavilion meeting.

### **AMC04/08/20 MINUTES**

**Resolved** That the minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 28 July 2020 be confirmed as a correct record will be signed by the Chairman at the next in person meeting.

**The member of the public left the meeting**

### **AMC05/08/20 FOOTBALL**

Wayne Arthur reported on developments at the football club whereby the watering of the pitch following the improvement work has now been completed and successfully improved the quality of the pitch which will enable the whole field to be re-opened. Promotion of the club bringing the need for a supporters toilet for home games of the 1<sup>st</sup> team was highlighted.

## **Cllr Leonard rectified his technical issues and joined the meeting**

### **Resolved**

The Clerk would ask for email confirmation from the PC that the football club could use the main toilets in the Pavilion as a supporters toilet at home games of the 1<sup>st</sup> team, providing Covid-19 regulations were complied with. An email to confirm authorisation would then be sent by the Clerk to Wayne Arthur.

## **AMC06/08/20 PAVILION**

The Pavilion Administrator reported on current bookings, advised that additional works required following gas and electricity maintenance were going ahead and updated on use of the alarm in the Pavilion. The Clerk updated members on the on going situation re the road markings outside the Pavilion and members discussed the tidying up of the area.

### **Wayne Arthur left the meeting**

### **Resolved**

Cllr Angus to draw up a scope of works to tidy up the Pavilion area.

## **AMC07/08/20 PLAYGROUND**

Cllr Darnell reported on the latest WG meeting and outlined the next steps in preparation for a decision re the playground location. The Clerk updated on the pre-planning for Gala Close and the Glebe applications whereby there had been no news despite the advised response dates being overdue. The Clerk told members that Cllr Angus had been requested to and subsequently contacted the Diocese for feedback around the Glebe site and that Jelson Homes had informed that they were willing to write a letter of consent for the PC to place a play area on Gala Close should that be the chosen site or were prepared to sell the land to the PC for a nominal price. An update was also provided by the Clerk regarding maintenance work at Barn Close and the Skate Park.

### **Resolved**

**AMC07/08/20.1** The FAQ's to be published in next month's SCAN to be forwarded to the Clerk for publication on the website and social media sites so that residents can be kept informed of developments alongside a report drafted by Cllr Bull to provide feedback to the village following the consultation in July

**AMC07/08/20.2** Given the delay to the pre-planning, an Extraordinary meeting is to be called by the Chairman of the PC after the Parish Council meeting on 08/09/20 to decide the location of the new play area

**AMC07/08/20.3** The Clerk to contact County Councillor Bywater in an attempt to continue dialogue with the Diocese regarding use of the Glebe as a potential location for the play area

**AMC07/08/20.4** The Clerk to establish procedure for purchasing the Gala Close open area from Jelson Homes and report back to the Parish Council meeting on 08/09/20

**AMC07/08/20.5** The Clerk to look further into 'Stopping Up' from CCC Highways and feed back to the PC at the 08/09/20 meeting.

**AMC08/08/20 BENCH/VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**

Cllr Gilden outlined a vision for bench maintenance in the village and suggested a sinking fund for this and future projects.

**Resolved**

The Clerk/RFO to look at establishing a budget for this in the precept for the next financial year.

**AMC09/08/20 CEMETERY**

The Clerk updated on the GoR memorial plaques due to be turned once authorisation had been received from all the families involved and that the headstone repairs were due to take place on 22, 23 and 24 September (weather permitting.) The mapping service provided by Pear Technology and Parish Online was outlined in order to digitalise the Cemetery, Churchyard and GoR grave layout. The Clerk advised that establishing costs/procedures for a cemetery wall were on going and would be brought to members attention once further information was gathered.

**AMC10/08/20 TREES**

The Clerk reported on contact with CCC and HDC regarding trees needing attention and confirmed that the 2 trees on Oak Road and Ermine Crescent in need of urgent attention had been added to the online reporting system at CCC. Grates in the village centre were highlighted as a concern as was a tree off the Cooperthornhill Road footpath. An update on the finishing off the tree survey by GTS was conveyed to members and a discussion around the location of the Oak tree saplings took place.

**Resolved**

**AMC10/08/20.1** Cllrs Bull and Darnell to look at the grates in the village centre and report back to the PC regarding possible solutions so that the Clerk can let CCC know how the PC would like to proceed

**AMC10/08/20.2** Residents to be asked for suggestions for planting of the Oak saplings and offered the saplings via SCAN.

**AMC11/08/20 NOTICEBOARD MAINTENANCE**

Cllr Gilden updated on the repair works and the potential moving of the PR board was discussed.

**AMC12/08/20 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting to take place on 20/10/20.