**Uppingham Town Council, Minutes of the Amenities Committee DRAFT – 21st July 2021 (**Meeting commenced at 6.30pm)

1. **Attendance register and apologies for absence:
Present:** Miranda Jones (Chair), Cornelius Vincent-Enright, Richard Reeve, David Casewell, Liz Clarke, Peter Rees. Kellie Sabin, Assistant Clerk was also present. **Apologies:** Stephen Rozak, Tom Johnson.
2. **Declaration of Members Interests and Requests for Dispensation:** None received.
3. **Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 23rd June 2021
Resolution:** it was proposed by Miranda Jones, seconded by Cornelius Vincent-Enright and unanimously agreed that these be approved.
4. **An opportunity for the public to speak.**  None present
5. **Receive an update on Baines Corner refurbishment.** Peter Rees and the Assistant Clerk meet with David Lewendon from Elms Landscapes on Monday 12th July 2021 to discuss options to improve the paving on Baines Corner which is currently being damaged by tree roots and causing trip hazards. Elms are preparing two costed options for solving the problem and once received, these will be brought back to the committee.
6. **Receive an update on footpaths**. Miranda Jones working with Lucy Stephenson to facilitate a meeting with Rutland County Council, as is the Clerk. There will be an update on this item once the meeting has taken place.
7. **Receive an update from Rutland Climate Action Group’s first meeting.** Miranda Jones attended the first meeting and reported that the group is working on a new website and Facebook page. Work is being planned for a Big Green Week in September, which Uppingham can take part in and plans for this will be shared when they become available.
8. **To Receive an update on Welcome Back funding.** Liz Clarke reported that the Town Council is awaiting a response/funding from Rutland County. The working group have made decisions about how the funding is to be utilised and will go ahead with the purchase of new equipment once funds are received. **Action:** Clerk to pursue with RCC.
9. **Discuss the Lord Lieutenant’s plans for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.**  i) There is an aspiration to plant 40,000 trees in Rutland. ii) During the four-day bank holiday, parties will be planned around the county. There will be more detail to follow on both plans. Uppingham Town Council wish to support these initiatives and organisations within the town who may wish to run events for this celebration.
10. **Receive costs for removal of cladding from the skate park.** The committee considered a quote of £5,130.00 from Elms Landscapes to remove the remaining cladding from the skate park as the cladding been falling off for a number of years and is dangerous and unsightly. Elms would like the structure to be investigated before it is made good. **Resolution:** Richard Reeve proposed that the quotation be recommended to F&GP Committee so that work can start as soon as possible. Seconded by Peter Rees and unanimously agreed.
11. **Receive an updated report on Adult Gym Equipment for Tod’s Piece.** The Assistant Clerk discussed the updated report and reported that the Clerk’s Office is in the process of applying for two streams of grant funding for the project. Should neither bid be successful, the committee will recommend the project for funding to F&GP Committee to be funded from CIL 2022/23. **Resolution:** Richard Reeve proposed the committee await the outcome of the funding applications and discuss at a future meeting of the committee. Seconded by Cornelius Vincent-Enright and unanimously agreed.
12. **To consider developing a policy for Tod’s Piece.** **Resolution:** Miranda Jones proposed a working group be formed to review and revise the 2018 paper on Tod’s Piece and create a policy framework for the committee to work within. Members of the group; Miranda Jones, Liz Clarke, Cornelius Vincent-Enright, David Casewell and Steve Rozak. Seconded by Liz Clarke and unanimously agreed.
13. **Receive an update from the Cemeteries Sub-Committee**. The group met at the cemetery and several actions were confirmed. A further meeting is planned for w/c 26th July and the group are working on a paper to be presented to the committee in August.
14. **To give preliminary consideration to budget requirements for Amenities projects in 2022.** **Resolution:** Miranda Jones proposed this item be deferred until the next committee meeting. Seconded by Peter Rees and unanimously agreed.

**The meeting closed at 7.08pm**