

Uppingham Town Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee – 22 June 2022 (Meeting commenced at 6.30pm)

Present. Pete Rees (Chairman) Dick Reeve, Dave Casewell, Mike Fish, Liz Clarke
Sharon W Coe – Town Clerk was also in attendance.

1. Chairmans Remarks

Cllr Rees welcomed everyone to the meeting of the new amenities committee and wished to place on record his thanks and that of the Council to Cllr Fish for his work on repairing the allotment fencing.

2. Apologies for Absence, declaration of Members' Interests and Requests for Dispensation:

Apologies had been received by Charlie Pallett and Tom Johnson. There were no declarations or requests for dispensations. Proposed, seconded, and **resolved unanimously**.

3. Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 16th February 2022

Proposed, seconded, and **resolved unanimously** that these be approved.

4. An opportunity for the public to speak.

None present.

5. To consider and prioritise the following possible projects

- a) The Clerk was requested to ask Rutland Council (RCC) as to the status of the London Road Cemetery. The fencing needs repair but if this is defined as closed cemetery then the maintenance will fall on RCC. (Local Government Act 1972 and the Burial Act 1853) Proposed, seconded, and **resolved unanimously**
- b) The Clerk will get a further quotation to consider resin pathways around Tod's Piece. The Outdoor Gym was considered, and this will now be progressed to installation. (4 for, 1 against). **RESOLVED**
- c) The Clerk will get quotations to consider alternatives to the Skate Park cladding such as grass sloping/banking. Proposed, seconded, and **resolved unanimously**.

6. To consider the proposal to site a shed at the TH for storage of a room hirers equipment.

The Clerk showed an example of the shed, it will be purchased and remain the property of the hirer with all insurance and risk being the hirers responsibility. Upon termination (if applicable) the hirer will remove the shed from the Town Hall. Proposed, seconded, and **resolved unanimously** to accept the proposal.

7. To consider re-siting the sun dial/tree from Tod's Piece.

Following discussions about both the sun dial and the tree, it was proposed that the Clerk facilitate a meeting to take place with the Scouts/Brownies the Chairman, Mayor, Stephen Knight and the Town Clerk to discuss the best options moving forward. Proposed, seconded, and **resolved unanimously**.

8. To consider the land south to London Road Cemetery and possible options.

Following several suggestions and queries from residents about possible enhancements including seating/sensory areas. It was requested that the Clerk obtain specialist advice as to the presence of a locally known Badger set. Until this was known there is little that can happen, due to national legislation, the Protection of Badgers Act 1992. Proposed, seconded, and **resolved unanimously**.

9. To consider repair/replacement of litter bins on Tod's Piece

The Clerk was asked to arrange a site visit with the Chairman, Mayor, and herself to assess exactly what was required. A new bin was asked to be considered at Shields Close. Proposed, seconded, and **resolved unanimously**.

10. To consider a proposal from the football club for the possible siting of new goalposts.

There had been a proposal from the club that they were considering the purchase of new upright wheeled goalposts. A request had been made to chain these adjacent to the allotment fence on Tod's Piece. The Committee considered this request and felt that this was not a viable option. The Clerk was asked if she could facilitate a meeting with the Chairman, Mayor, herself, and the representative/s of the football club to look for alternative solutions. Proposed, seconded, and resolved unanimously.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm