**Uppingham Town Council**

 **Minutes** **of the Amenities Committee – Wednesday 15th November at 7.30pm**

Present. Mike Fish (Chair), Pete Rees, Barry Hobbs, Ron Simpson,

 Sharon W Coe – Town Clerk, and Cynthia Ondeng Admin Assistant were also in attendance.

1. **Chairman’s Remarks**

Cllr Fish welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence, Declaration of Members’ Interests and Requests for Dispensation:**

Apologies had been received by Trevor Colbourne and Liz Clarke.

1. **An opportunity for the public to speak.**

None present**.**

**4. To consider the following quotations. These may need to be a part of the budgeting**

 **process. All quotations were considered.**

1. **Repair the railings at Hogs Hill.**

To accept the quotation from overwrought but to clarify that the quotation does include painting.

Proposed, seconded, and **resolved unanimously**.

1. Removal of Covid 19 signage from the pavements.

To accept the quotation from Four Seasons, providing the contractor stays in situ whilst the removal agent is being applied.

Proposed, seconded, and **resolved unanimously**.

1. Bi- Monthly Town Hall Maintenance (Gardening/Weed removal)

To accept the quotation from Four Seasons.

Proposed, seconded and **resolved unanimously.**

1. Stop Ball nets for Tod’s Piece**.**

The quotations were considered but members felt a better option was to move the picnic bench squarely behind the goal. The Clerk was asked to facilitate this with contractors.

Proposed, seconded and **resolved unanimously.**

1. Cemetery Fencing London Road Cemetery

Members were divided on opinions as to what would be the better option, therefore this item will be deferred to the Full Council meeting on 6th December so all members views could be considered.

 Proposed, seconded and **resolved unanimously.**

1. Relocation of the Sun Dial.

There was some discussion about the ownership of the Sun Dial. The Clerk was asked to confirm whether the Sun Dial was owned by the Town Council, as this could have an impact on any decisions made. This would be brought back to a future meeting.

Proposed, seconded and **resolved unanimously.**

1. Kickball nets (Mini soccer goal nets)

The quotations were considered plus a further option bought to the table by the Chair, this option was not taken forward. The Clerk pointed out that there are ongoing live negotiations with the Football Club, and this might possibly be covered within these discussions. The decision was made to await a further update.

Proposed, seconded and **resolved unanimously.**

**5. To receive an update on Baines/Dairy Corner.**

The Clerk was still chasing RCC for an update that had been promised. She had still not received any formal documentation despite repeated chasing through both herself and RCClr Wise to no avail. Members felt frustration and empowered the Clerk to bring the matter up at her meeting with the Chief Executive and Leader that was scheduled in a couple of weeks. The Clerk and members felt that there was a considerable Health and Safety issue at Baines Corner.

Proposed, seconded and **resolved unanimously.**

**6. To receive a verbal update from the Chair of committee regarding the allotments.**

The Chair reported he had attended an informal meeting to gather information about specific requests. This will all be transmitted to the Clerk for officer decision.

**7. To consider a verbal request for noticeboards in the Town.**

A discussion was held to consider if a notice board could be erected at the Marketplace end of the Town. The Clerk pointed out that this land was not owned by the Town Council, rather it was RCC and Highways land. Members empowered the Clerk to ask if RCC would be minded to allow the Town Council to erect a notice board on their land.

Proposed, seconded and **resolved unanimously.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for their input and closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

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