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To: All Members of the Amenities Committee: Councillors Ms L Bray, Mrs J Collier, J Fraser, Mrs R Hopkinson, M Jackson, Mrs N Kenna, Mrs I Langsford, C Lynch, Mrs E Marston, C Riley, Mrs M Wakeman, Mrs P Witts.
All other Members of the Council for information.

Dear Councillor

The next meeting of the Amenities Committee will be held in the Town Hall on Wednesday 18 May 2011 commencing at 7.30pm.

Yours sincerely

David J Martin
TOWN CLERK

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Public Question Time and Petitions
3. Declarations of Interest

To receive any Declaration(s) of Interest under the Local Authority (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 issued under SI No. 1159 including paragraph 12(2).

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 March 2011 – *for information only.*
5. Reports from representatives appointed to Outside Bodies.
6. Corporate Plan Objectives (*Minute AMEN 51/10 & others*) - The Corporate Plan Objective sheet 2010/11 - 'To have an up-to-date and useful Town Transport Plan' is attached - *for review and comment.*
7. Transport Monitoring Sheet (*Minute AMEN 62/10 and others*) – The Transport Plan Monitoring Sheet is attached for review and comment - *for consideration.*

8. Update on Street Furniture Improvements (*Minute AMEN 64/10*) - Further to the previous meeting a site visit took place to establish what improvements could be made to the street furniture in Corsham. In addition, as part of her tourism role, the Community and Information Officer has visited a number of towns to find out what was being done especially well. A brief report (attached) gives the findings and a view on what the priorities should be. One recommendation is that the current colour scheme of black and white should be changed to something more attractive. Views are sought on the appropriate colour. Some of the work could be carried out from within existing maintenance and improvement budgets but more detailed budget estimates will need to be explored - *instructions requested*.
9. Beechfield Nature Area Update - The Beechfield Management Plan is due for review in 2011 and will be considered in detail once the new pond has been addressed later in the year. In the meantime some of the local residents have raised concerns about camping, fires, barbecues, drinking and late night noise which has occurred on the site. The police have been called on a few occasions. It is suggested that signs be displayed, stating no fires and no camping, to encourage responsible use of the site. The police would then be able to help enforce these rules, which would also be included in the new management plan - *for approval*.
10. Request for new notice boards in Neston - A request has been received, via the Town Council newsletter, for additional notice boards in Neston. The suggested locations are outside Neston Primary School; the corner towards Locks Cross from Church Rise; and at the bottom of Greenhill. The Committee's initial views are sought, before the relevant landowners and Wiltshire Council are contacted and costs established - *instructions requested*.
11. Speed Indicator Devices - The Amenities Committee has a budget of £4,000 towards a Speed Indicator Device (SID) for Corsham. In consultation with the Committee Chairman, suggestions have been put forward to the Wiltshire & Swindon Road Safety Partnership on how a scheme could work in Corsham. The Partnership will be looking at the options at its next meeting in June/July. The preferred option would be to have full control over the SID. This would include agreeing a list of locations with the Partnership and then deciding when and how the SID is used. It's hoped that the Partnership could provide training and advice. The second option would be a Service Level Agreement whereby the Town Council pays for the SID and in return the Partnership provides a specified level of service. Other matters which would need to be considered include insurance; storage; calibration; batteries; and permissions - *for comment*.