

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee
held on Wednesday 18 May 2011**

Present Councillor Mrs R Hopkinson (Chairman)
Councillors Ms L Bray, Mrs J Collier, J Fraser, Mrs N Kenna,
Mrs E Marston, C Riley and Mrs M Wakeman

In Attendance Mrs M Jones (Administration Officer)
D J Martin (Town Clerk)

AMEN 01/11 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs I Langsford and C Lynch.

AMEN 02/11 Public Question Time and Petitions

There were none.

AMEN 03/11 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).

There were none.

AMEN 04/11 Matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 March 2011

There were no matters arising.

AMEN 05/11 Reports from representatives appointed to outside Bodies

There were none.

AMEN 06/11 Corporate Plan Objective 2010/11 (*Minute AMEN 51/10 & others*)

The Corporate Plan Objective Sheet "*Town Transport Plan*" was reviewed and updated as follows:

- i) *Monitor Bus Routes* – It was mentioned that buses using the bus stop on Newlands Road at mid-afternoon were causing congestion. This would be brought to the attention of Wiltshire Council to see what could be done to ease the problem.

- ii) *Cycle Route* – The section of the cycle network from Prospect to Newlands Road, including South Place, was too costly for Wiltshire Council to complete in 2011/12. The Town Council had £10,000 which it might be prepared to put towards the scheme. It was agreed that this would be considered in detail at the next Committee meeting.
- iii) *Bradford Road Assessment* - An Assessment of Bradford Road for a pedestrian crossing had been completed by Wiltshire Council but it fell far short of the criteria for such a crossing. The criteria for a cycle crossing was easier to meet but this was dependent on Skynet Drive being adopted as public highway. It was currently MOD property. It was agreed to approach the MOD to establish whether Skynet Drive could be brought up to a standard suitable for adoption with the view of it being included in the cycle network.

AMEN 07/11 Transport Monitoring Sheet (*Minute AMEN 62/10 and others*)

The Transport Plan Monitoring Sheet was discussed and updated.

Resolved

That the following be added to the Transport Plan Monitoring Sheet.

'That Wiltshire Council be informed that Corsham Town Council would like free parking to remain at Springfield once the Campus is up and running.'

AMEN 08/11 Update on Street Furniture Improvements (*Minute AMEN 64/10*)

Further to the previous meeting a site visit has taken place to establish what improvements could be made to the street furniture in Corsham. It was suggested that the current colour scheme of black and white could be changed to something more attractive. Views were 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 would need to be explored. The costs of new and replacement street furniture would be investigated and brought back to the next meeting.

Resolved

- i) That the street furniture be kept black with the white highlighting being changed to gold.
- ii) That the main entrance signs into Corsham should include a peacock logo and twinning with Jargeau.

AMEN 09/11 Beechfield Nature Area Update

It was reported that the Beechfield Management Plan would be reviewed in 2011. Some local residents had raised concerns about camping, fires, barbecues, drinking and late night noise which had occurred on the site. The police had been called on a few occasions. It was 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.

Resolved

That suitable signs be displayed at Beechfield Nature Area to discourage fires and camping.

AMEN 10/11 Request for New Noticeboards in Neston

The Committee considered a request for additional noticeboards in Neston. The suggested locations were outside Neston Primary School; the corner towards Locks Cross from Church Rise, and at the bottom of Greenhill. Permission would be needed from the relevant landowners and Wiltshire Council. There was no specific budget to cover the total cost if all sites were agreed.

Resolved

That one noticeboard be provided in Neston and that investigations be made into the most suitable location, which was preferably outside Neston Primary School.

AMEN 11/11 Speed Indicator Devices

The Committee had a budget of £4,000 towards a Speed Indicator Device for Corsham. In consultation with the Committee Chairman, suggestions had been put forward to the Wiltshire & Swindon Road Safety Partnership on how a scheme could work in Corsham.

Resolved

- i) That a Service Level Agreement be the preferred option for the operation of a Speed Indicator Device and that Wiltshire & Swindon Road Safety Partnership be approached and see what the cost would be.
- ii) That the local Wiltshire Councillors be updated on the proposals.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and closed at 8.45pm. There was one member of the public present at the meeting.

CHAIRMAN

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