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To: All Members of the Property and Amenities Committee: Councillors S Abbott, H Belcher OBE, N Brakspear, J Brook, T Ellis, G McCaffrey, J Robertson, G Ward and R Williams.

All other Members of the Council for information.

Dear Councillor

The next meeting of the Property and Amenities Committee will be held in the Town Hall on Wednesday 19 July 2023 commencing at 7.30pm.

Yours sincerely

David J Martin
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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AGENDA

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

To receive any Declaration(s) of Interest under Corsham Town Council's Code of Conduct issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

4. Matters Arising from the Notes of the Property and Amenities Committee meeting held on 23 May 2023 – *for information only.*

5. Public Realm RIBA Stage 2 (*Minute P&A 05/23 and others*): To consider the Concept Design Report which was produced at the conclusion of RIBA Stage 2. An excerpt from the Report is **attached**. Members should contact the Head of Technical Services if they wish to obtain a full copy of the report. The Committee is also asked to consider the findings of the Public Realm Working Group, who were due to carry out a site visit on 14 July and to consider next steps for the public realm project – *for discussion/decision*.
6. Biodiversity Action Plan (*Minute P&A 07/23 and others*): To consider the Biodiversity Action Plan (**copy attached**) which aims to provide guidance for the Council on how to manage open spaces for the benefit of wildlife. The Committee is asked to approve the Plan, whereupon it will be used as a guideline by officers for the management of the Council's open spaces over the coming years – *for decision*.
7. Consultation on 20mph Limits in Corsham Town Centre (*Minute P&A 06/23 and others*): To consider the form and content of consultation with residents on potential 20mph limits in the town centre. A draft consultation document is **attached** which, if approved, could form the basis of a consultation exercise in August – *for decision*.
8. Springfield Skate Park (*Minute P&A 34/22 and others*): To receive an update on the project to design and build a new skate park – *for comment/information*.
9. Arnold House Maintenance: To consider whether to carry out repair and maintenance work at Arnold House. The Council's Asset Management Plan has identified a series of defects, most of which ought to be addressed if the Council is to continue using the building in its present form. The works mostly relate to the internal fabric of the building and an initial quote of £33,430 plus VAT has been received. It is provisional because some of the work is investigative. There is scope for this figure to rise if more defects are found. In addition, the Council has obtained a quote to carry out works near the entrance to Flat 2 with the intention of addressing persistent damp issues in the property (lowering the outside ground level, installing a French drain etc). The quote for this work is £18,518 plus VAT. The Committee should also note that the contractor who recently completed the repairs to the roof has stated that a complete re-roof is likely to be required within the next ten years. This work is likely to be in the region of £80,000 plus VAT. The Strategic Planning Working Group is due to meet the week after the Committee meeting to consider the Council's future spending ambitions which are not currently fully funded. The Committee is invited to consider making a recommendation on the future of Arnold House and whether to proceed with these works to the Working Group. The final decision on the Council's spending plans will need Council approval – *for comment/decision*.
10. Park Lane Trollies: To receive an update on the project to display two restored stone trollies at the entrance to Park Lane. Updated cost estimates and options will be presented to the Committee – *for comment/decision*.
11. Pockeridge Road Play Areas: To consider a way forward for refurbishing the two play areas at Pockeridge Road. Further information will be available at the meeting – *for comment/decision*.
12. Update on Local Highway Improvement Group Issues (*Minute P&A 09/23 and others*): To receive an update on LHFIG issues arising from the LHFIG meeting on 19 July 2023 – *for information*.

13. Requests for Highway Improvements and Traffic Surveys (*Minute P&A 10/23 and others*): To consider whether to support the following requests:
- i) Bradford Road, Corsham (**copy attached**) – Request to reduce speed limit, cut verge, install a light-controlled crossing and chicane.
 - ii) Hitherspring, Corsham (**copy attached**) – Request to install better lighting from Hitherspring to the Knowle.
 - iii) Elley Green, Neston (**copy attached**) – Request to install concrete verge opposite the entrance to the Leafield Industrial Estate.
 - iv) Westwells Road (**copy attached**) – Request to extend proposed 20mph limit to residential areas to the east of Westwells Road.
14. Update on the Speed Indicator Devices and Autospeedwatch (*Minute P&A 11/23 and others*): To receive an update – *for information*.
15. Proposed Traffic Regulation Order: To consider a response to Wiltshire Council's consultation on introducing a Traffic Regulation Order (**copy attached**) to cover the Springfield Community Campus car park – *for consideration/comment*.