

**Minutes of the Property and Amenities Committee Meeting held at
Corsham Town Hall on Wednesday 29 March 2017**

Present Councillor Mrs M Wakeman (Chairman)
Councillors J Fraser, C Fuller, D Jones, P Pearson, N Pocock and R Taylor.

In Attendance D Martin (Chief Executive)
S Scott (Head of Technical Services)

P&A 71/16 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors P Anstey, Ms L Bray and Mrs A Lock.

P&A 72/16 Public Question Time and Petitions

There were none.

P&A 73/16 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.

There were none.

P&A 74/16 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Property and Amenities Committee meeting held on 25 January 2016

There were no matters arising.

P&A 75/16 Reports from representatives appointed to outside bodies

There were none.

P&A 76/16 Public Realm Strategy (*Minute P&A 65/16 and others*)

The draft matrix listing the Public Realm Strategy projects alongside Corsham Framework issues was reviewed. The priorities identified were accepted but it was requested that both existing and potential funding streams be identified and included.

Resolved

- i) That the matrix be updated to include existing and potential funding streams.
- ii) That the priorities identified should form the basis for further Public Realm work.

P&A 77/16 Community Area Transport Group Issue (*Minute P&A 67/16 and others*)

The update on CATG Issues 4999 and 5005 – Speeding and HGV use through Coppershell (no further action) and Issue 4998 – Speeding on Furzehill (eligible for speedwatch) were noted.

P&A 78/16 Ladbrook Lane Old Cemetery

The decision by Wiltshire Council to look for cost savings in maintaining their closed cemeteries was noted. It was accepted that finding savings would lead to lower standards of upkeep than presently provided and that top-up work would be needed to maintain current standards. However, it was felt that the Old Cemetery is an important facility for the residents of Corsham and that it ought to be regarded as an amenity area for which the Town Council should take responsibility. The Property and Amenities budget for 2017/18 includes provision for such service delegation and asset transfer. It was agreed that the Town Council should open negotiations with Wiltshire Council with a view to taking full responsibility for the area and that these should also try to achieve funding for remedial work.

Resolved

That Wiltshire Council be approached and negotiations take place to enable the Town Council to take over responsibility for Ladbrook Lane Old Cemetery.

P&A 79/16 The Charter For Trees, Woods and People

The details of the Charter for Tree, Woods and People were noted and it was decided that the Council should become a signatory.

Resolved

That the Council should become a Charter Branch of the Tree Charter.

P&A 80/16 Strategic Plan Monitoring and Evaluation (*Minute P&A 69/16*)

The Strategic Plan Monitoring sheet was reviewed and agreed.

P&A 81/16 Town Transport Monitoring (*Minute P&A 70/16 and others*)

The Transport Plan Monitoring Sheet was reviewed and agreed.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and closed at 8.01pm. There were no members of the public present.

CHAIRMAN

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