

## DAWLISH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Civic Amenities Committee  
held at The Manor House, Dawlish on  
Wednesday, 17 October 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

### **Present**

Councillors Mawhood (Chairman), Prowse (Vice Chairman), Foden, Lowther, Robins, and Wrigley.

### **Officer in attendance**

Andrew McKenzie – Town Clerk

### **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present.

*The following minutes will be considered for approval at the next meeting of the Civic Amenities Committee and may be subject to change until that time.*

### **39 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. Fenne, G. Fenne, Mayne and Taylor.

### **40 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

There had been no requests for dispensations.

### **41 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **42 MINUTES**

**Resolved** unanimously that the minutes of the Civic Amenities Committee meeting held on 19 September 2018 be approved, subject to the deletion of the word 'minor' relating to minute number 31, resolution (b).

### **43 DAWLISH WATERFOWL**

The Clerk updated Members as follows:

- the new Waterfowl & Maintenance Warden had joined the Council's employment on Monday, 15 October and the Council looked forward to working with him; and
- the outside services team wished to purchase a multitool for the effective discharge of their parish maintenance functions, approx. price £380.

The Chairman suggested it was pertinent to check with Teignbridge District Council as to the ownership of the railings running along Brunswick Place from the Waterfowl Compound to the footbridge, and whether the current fencing could be replaced with the current steel railings elsewhere around the Brook.

**Resolved** that the update be noted, and the Town Clerk be asked to make enquiries as to the possibility of replacing the fencing along Brunswick Place from the Waterfowl Compound to the footbridge. The purchase of the multitool be endorsed.

#### **44 SANDY LANE SKATE PARK**

The Clerk advised that the waste bin located at the Skate Park had been destroyed by vandals and asked whether the bin should be replaced like for like or be replaced with a mixed-use bin.

Following discussion, the Clerk confirmed that it was a Town Council owned bin that outside services emptied.

**Resolved** that a mixed-use waste disposal bin be purchased and installed at Sandy Lane Skate Park.

#### **46 LITTLE WEEK PLAY PARK**

The Chairman referenced the previously circulated brief and asked if Members were content with it being sent to play park providers for an initial indicative quotation to be received.

Members felt the document should be circulated without the amount of funds available at this stage to ensure best value for money.

**Resolved** that the brief be circulated less the initial funds available, to receive an initial indicative quotation.

#### **47 BROOK FOOTBRIDGE SURFACES**

The Chairman highlighted several the footbridges across the Brook needed general renovation, particularly to surfaces which had worn away over time with general use.

Members considered that Teignbridge District Council should be formally requested to undertake a survey of all pedestrian footbridges across the Brook, and any

remedial works be instigated forthwith in addition to a regular programme of inspection and maintenance going forward.

**Resolved** that the Clerk writes to Teignbridge District Council to request an inspection of and remedial works to all pedestrian footbridges across the Brook.

#### **48 PARISH AND TOWN CENTRE AUDIT**

The Chairman advised that a walkaround of the Town took place on the 16 October where issues were highlighted and noted in preparation for the publication of an audit sheet. She requested Members become involved in the audit, sending any issues of concern to the Town Clerk or herself for collation. These issues would then be raised with the relevant authority.

Members were concerned with the level of cars parking adjacent to Orchard Manor School and the safety risk this posed, particularly those driving around the bend meaning they were in the middle of the road to oncoming traffic. The problem appeared to be at its worse during school drop off and pick up times. Councillor Lowther, a school governor, agreed to speak with school representatives in the first instance and would report back at the next meeting of the Committee.

The Chairman advised that the regular walkaround with Teignbridge Green Spaces department would take place on Tuesday, 23 October meeting at 10.00 a.m. at the Manor House – all those Members wishing to attend were encouraged to do so.

Councillor Wrigley submitted that the sited bench at Lea Mount was not currently fixed to the ground and this may need to be addressed. He was pleased to note the new mixed-use waste bin had now been installed, and the previous rough sleeper that had been utilising the shelter had now moved on.

The Clerk advised that the issue of overgrown foliage at Rockstone Cliff was being investigated by Teignbridge District Council as to the ownership of land between themselves and NetworkRail. An update would be provided when further information was known.

**Resolved** that the updates be noted.

#### **49 MANOR HOUSE GROUNDS**

The Chairman advised she had met with the Senior Arboriculturalist at Teignbridge District Council to discuss the renovation of the borders surrounding the Manor House itself. He had suggested that various trees should be felled, and the stumps ground out and this to include the old shrubs.

In respect of the Monterey Pine located in the middle of the turning circle, it was suggested a thorough tree survey be undertaken to assess the structural integrity of the tree as concerns had been raised, and take any remedial works as necessary.

Members believed a gardening and maintenance plan should be established after works have been conducted to ensure the initial renovation and ongoing management of the areas that the Town Council was responsible for. In addition, Members agreed that the Finance & General Purposes Committee should establish a budget line in the 2019/20 budget for the horticultural renovation of the grounds surrounding the Manor House, not exceeding £5,000; this would include not only maintenance works but also the purchasing of specimen plants and bulbs to improve the amenity of the area, where appropriate.

**Resolved that**

- (a) the Town Clerk be authorised to obtain quotes for the required felling and grinding out of stumps for dead trees in beds to include removal of associated shrubs surrounding the Manor House;
- (b) the Town Clerk progress a tree survey of the Monterey Pine and report back to the Committee with its conclusions; and
- (c) the Finance & General Purposes Committee be recommended to establish a budget line in the 2019/20 budget for the horticultural renovation of the grounds surrounding the Manor House, not exceeding £5,000.

*The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.59 p.m.*

Councillor Val Mawhood  
CHAIRMAN