

**TOWN COUNCIL OF FRINTON AND WALTON**

**MINUTES of the Recreation and Amenities Committee  
held at the Council House, Frinton-on-Sea,  
Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019 commencing at 7.15 pm**

**Present:**

Councillors: Mrs F. Robinson (Chairman)  
E.T. Allen, Mrs I. Johnson, Mrs L. Allen, Mrs A. Davis, Mrs F. Knowles,  
Mrs P. Walford, Mrs A. Oxley

**Absent:**

Councillors: P.R. Clifton, C.S. Keston and D. Oxley

**In Attendance:**

Town Clerk: Mr J S Wedge.

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**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors P. Clifton, C.S. Keston and D. Oxley.

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**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was moved, seconded and

**RESOLVED**

**that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on  
23rd May 2019 (pages 1 – 3) be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.**

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**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ABOVE MEETING**

There were no matters arising.

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**COLUMBINE CENTRE**

- (a) The list of future bookings including regular hirers at the Centre had been included in the papers and was noted by those present.
- (b) The quotation of £2,199 for blinds to enable the main hall to be transformed into a movie theatre was noted and it was agreed that this would be part of a comprehensive costing proposal for this idea should this be put forward in future.

- (c) Two options for replacement picnic benches for outside the Columbine Centre were tabled and discussed and it was agreed to go for the cheaper option of the Heavy Duty Pine Table from Parkers Garden Centre who had offered a 20% discount bringing the price down to £220 per bench. Four benches would be needed

and it was moved, seconded and

**Unanimously RECOMMENDED:**

**that the council should purchase 4 Heavy Duty Pine Table benches from Parkers Garden Centre at a total cost of £880.**

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**OLD WAY TOILETS**

Councillor E.T. Allen suggested a fence and a gate so that the toilets could be secured and the toilet attendant could lock themselves in when cleaning the toilets. He offered to outline his concept in more detail so that the Clerk could take this idea forward. The problems with the teenage cyclists hounding the toilet attendant were discussed and it was noted that the PCSOs had been attending more regularly.

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**SEAFRONT & BUS SHELTERS**

It was noted that work repairing the Clock Tower is needed following recent vandalism. The idea of putting CCTV cameras in place to monitor the Clock Tower was discussed. Councillor E T Allen offered to look in detail at this idea, letting the Clerk have any useful information about it so that a proposal could be made to the R&A Committee in future.

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**ALLOTMENTS**

- (a) The report on the Annual Allotment Inspection held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019 was considered. It was noted that most of the allotments visited were neat and tidy. Any allotment holders who were not keeping their plots tidy had been written to.
- (b) There were no other allotment matters raised.

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**THE SPINNEY**

- (a) A quotation for 7 wooden bollards to be fitted to protect the fence adjacent to the Station car park from vehicles reversing into parking spaces was considered. It was noted that the cost of fitting these bollards would be £815

and it was moved, seconded and

**Unanimously RECOMMENDED:**

**that the council should place an order for 7 wooden bollards costing £815 to be fitted to protect the fence at the Spinney.**

- (b) A discussion about opening times led to the decision to leave them as they are for this year.

- (c) The performance of the Garden Maintenance contractor was considered and it was agreed to extend the contract for a further 3 months trial period. A request to look at whether any 'missing' plants could be re-supplied was made and the Clerk agreed to ask the Garden Maintenance consultant about this.

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**GREAT HOLLAND PLAY AREA REFURBISHMENT (taken as 3<sup>rd</sup> item on the agenda due to the presence of members of the public who were interested in this item.)**

The Committee discussed a number of e mails from the public objecting to the proposed car park at Pork Lane. The public were told that a final decision on whether to have a car park at Pork Lane would be made at the Town Council meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Councillor Mrs F. Robertson noted, that the car park is needed to alleviate road safety risks near the new children's playground. After discussion of the report on the tender process for the car park at Pork Lane the Committee voted 5 for, 1 against with 2 abstentions on the recommendation in the report that an order is placed with the lowest bidder for this work

and it was moved, seconded and

**RECOMMENDED:**

**that the council should place an order with Supplier D for a car park at Pork Lane costing £17,050.00, excluding VAT.**

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**FESTIVE LIGHTS**

A discussion about the 2019 festive lights ensued and it was agreed that the Clerk would set up a meeting with the Council's supplier of festive lights and the Chairman & Deputy Chairman to agree the arrangements for 2019.

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**FURTHER MATTERS RAISED**

There were no other matters that the Chairman considered urgent, the public were thanked for their attendance.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

CHAIRMAN