

TOWN COUNCIL OF FRINTON AND WALTON

**MINUTES of the Recreation and Amenities Committee
held remotely using ZOOM technology,
Thursday, 5th November 2020 commencing at 7.15 pm**

Present:

Councillors: Mrs F. Robertson (Chairman)
Miss P. Walford, Mrs A. Davis, E.T. Allen, Mrs L. Allen, Fiona Knowles, P.R.
Clifton.

Absent:

Councillors: Mrs A. Oxley, D. Oxley, Mrs I. Johnson, C.S. Keston.

In Attendance:

Town Clerk: J. Wedge.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs A. Oxley, D. Oxley, Mrs I. Johnson, C.S. Keston.

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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 3rd
September 2020 (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

Councillor Mrs A. Davis raised the possibility of the Town Council contributing to the funding of a Food Aid programme which is to be organised by the local churches and schools at Christmas. She said she would provide further details of what is required at a future meeting, if funding is needed.

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NEW AMENITIES

a) Councillors discussed the response of Cheryl Lomas, Local Physical Activity Co-ordinator to the Clerk's enquiry about progress on two new amenities projects. The possible new amenities included a cycle strip and possible improvements to the area around the tennis courts in Walton such as providing a new outside games area. Given the response it was agreed that little could be done about these projects at this time.

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COLUMBINE CENTRE

a) A list of future bookings including regular hirers at the Columbine Centre had been included in the papers. It was noted that there were more regular hires but some large events had been cancelled or moved back due to Lockdown restrictions. Councillor P.R. Clifton noted that Bingo would return next year. It was agreed that promotional efforts should be concentrated on getting regular hirers rather than putting on large events.

- b) Councillor E.T. Allen asked about the problems with the lights and offered to help resolve any dispute. The Clerk agreed to send him some more details about these light failures. There were no other matters discussed relating to the Columbine Centre.

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SEAFRONT & BUS SHELTERS

- (a) Progress on the repair of the Bus Shelters was discussed. Councillor Mrs F. Robertson agreed to chase up the contractor about this. There were no other matters discussed relating to the Seafront & Bus Shelters.

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ALLOTMENTS

- (a) The Clerk reported that all Allotment holders had paid their annual bills in October and that there was quite a bit of interest in taking allotments so waiting lists were longer than usual. Councillor Mrs F. Robertson asked when the transfer of the Kirby Le Soken site back to the landowner was taking place and was told that this is on 30th September 2021. There were no other matters discussed relating to allotments.

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THE SPINNEY

- (a) The request from Paul Baines, Gardening Consultant on the Spinney project to spend £980 on more plants was discussed. Different suggestions were made including using a contact of Councillor Mrs A. Davis, getting the gardening contractor to advise and seeking sponsorship. Councillors agreed that spending £980 on new plants was not appropriate at this time. It was agreed that Councillor E.T. Allen would ask Tendring DC if they could offer any help.

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WALTON MARKET

- (a) The Christmas Eve Market idea was discussed and it was agreed that this should go ahead if the Lockdown restrictions are lifted.
- (b) It was noted that the market had been busier than usual and was just about breaking even year to date, having generated double the forecast income. This is down to the promotional efforts of Julian West. Consequently, the Chairman asked the Clerk to write a letter of thanks to him.

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ESTIMATES

- (a) Councillors discussed a number of ideas but no new firm proposals for Estimates were made.

AOB

- (a) The Clerk was asked to write to Tendring DC planning department about an Amazon collection box at Frinton train station which was deemed to be unsightly.
- (b) The Clerk was asked to include in the toilet signage an indication that masks must be worn in the toilets at Old Way.

There were no further matters that the Chairman considered urgent, those present were thanked for their attendance and the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

CHAIRMAN