

**TOWN COUNCIL OF FRINTON AND WALTON**

**MINUTES of the Recreation and Amenities Committee  
held remotely using ZOOM technology,  
Thursday, 8th April 2021 commencing at 7.15 pm**

**Present:**

Councillors: Mrs F. Robertson (Chairman)  
Miss P. Walford, Mrs A. Davis, E.T. Allen, Mrs L. Allen, P.R. Clifton,  
Mrs A. Oxley, D. Oxley, Mrs I. Johnson, C.S. Keston, Fiona Knowles.

**Absent:**

Councillor: None.

**In Attendance:**

Town Clerk: J. Wedge.

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**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies.

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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 25th February 2021 (pages 8 – 10) be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

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

Councillors discussed a proposal to put Christmas lights on the Spinney and Agar Road gardens and the results of this debate are recorded under item 51.

There were no other matters arising from the minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on 25th February 2021.

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**COLUMBINE CENTRE**

- a) It was noted that Harwich Brass Band had booked the Columbine Centre for concerts in October and December this year. They were seeking a £500 fee for performing. It was noted that selling tickets for any event located at the Columbine Centre is not easy and that the capacity is only 80 at present due to social distancing. Members agreed to re-consider this matter in three months' time.
- b) It was noted that the Columbine Centre is being used as a mass vaccination centre sporadically. It was confirmed that the NHS contract finishes on 30th September 2021 so normal bookings are being taken after that date. It was also confirmed that the Bowls Club will be returning to the Columbine after 17th May 2021. There were no other matters raised relating to the Columbine Centre.

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**BUS AND SEA FRONT SHELTERS**

- a) Councillor C.S. Keston reported that the repair of the Bus Shelters was complete but more work was required on certain shelters. He agreed to contact the Clerk to discuss what work needed to be done.
- b) Councillor Mrs F. Robertson noted that the bin had been installed near the Clock Tower shelter but had been destroyed by a fire.
- c) It was noted that there had been several recent incidents of shelters and signs being vandalised so it was agreed to bring this matter up at the Crime and Disorder meeting on Monday 12th April 2021.

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**ALLOTMENTS**

- (a) There were no matters discussed relating to allotments.

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**WALTON SIGNS**

- (a) Members considered the report on the two 'Welcome to Walton' road signs. Members agreed that Tendring District Council should be funding any repair of such signs. Councillor E.T. Allen agreed to find out whether Tendring District Council would fund these repairs.
- (b) Members made the same comments about the sign in Walton High Street and Councillor E.T. Allen agreed to find out whether Tendring District Council would fund the repair of this sign as well.

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**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AT THE SPINNEY AND AGAR ROAD**

- (a) A proposal to put Christmas lights on the Spinney and Agar Road gardens was discussed. Advice had been received that the trees at the Spinney were too young to support lights. It was agreed to consider this matter again next year when the gardens are more mature.

**AOB**

**LETTER FROM HOUSEHOLDER LIVING AT 'CRANBROOK', PORK LANE**

Members considered a proposal from a householder living next to the Great Holland playground which was to move a bench and add more bushes to reduce noise from the playground. Councillors Keston and Ann Oxley agreed to meet on site to discuss what could be done to resolve the complaints from this householder and report back to a future meeting.

There were no further matters that the Chairman considered urgent, those present were thanked for their attendance and the meeting closed at 7.59 pm.

CHAIRMAN