

**TOWN COUNCIL OF FRINTON AND WALTON**

**MINUTES of the Recreation and Amenities Committee  
held at the Council House, Frinton-on-Sea,  
Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 commencing at 7.15 pm**

**Present:**

Councillors: Mrs A. Oxley, (Chairman)  
E.T. Allen, Mrs L. Allen, P.R. Clifton, D. Oxley, Fiona Knowles.

**Absent:**

Councillor: Mrs I. Johnson, C.S. Keston, Mrs F. Robertson, Miss P. Walford.

**In Attendance:**

Town Clerk: J. Wedge.

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**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were apologies from Mrs I. Johnson, C.S. Keston, Mrs F. Robertson and Miss P. Walford.

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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 27th May 2021 (pages 1 – 2) 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 E.T. Allen reported that he had again spoken to the relevant Tendring DC Head of Service, Mike Carran about refurbishing various signs and tidying up the flower beds around the signs. It was noted that these signs looked better but this is because Councillor Mrs A. Oxley and Councillor D. Oxley had tidied up the tubs of flowers and cleaned the signs. Councillor Mrs A. Oxley agreed to keep asking Tendring DC about refurbishing the car park sign at Mill Lane, Walton-on-the-Naze and Councillor E.T. Allen said he would ask again about refurbishing the Walton-on-the-Naze boundary signs.

It was noted that Councillors C.S. Keston had met on site with a householder to discuss what could be done to resolve her complaints about the Great Holland playground which was that she wanted a bench moved and more bushes added to reduce noise from the playground. It was noted that the hedge had grown which helped with the noise problem and that the only suggestion is for a sign to be erected asking playground users to respect house-holders privacy. After discussion it was decided not to fund such a sign as there could be many places where such signs could be put up.

Councillor E.T. Allen reported that he had spoken to Frinton & Walton Heritage Trust about using Marketfields School students to assist with maintaining the gardens in Frinton that they are responsible

for. Councillor Mrs A. Oxley agreed to follow this matter up with Marketfields School and Frinton Heritage & Walton Trust.

There were no other matters arising from the minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on 27th May 2021.

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### **PRESENTATION ABOUT A 'LOCAL HISTORY WALKING TRAIL' PROJECT**

(a) A presentation about a proposed Local History Walking Trail was given by David Blackwell and Sara Hayes. David Blackwell is part of a local history Facebook group with 1500 members. This project is fully funded and will deliver a 2.6-mile walk starting and finishing at the Clock Tower seafront shelter at Frinton, heading along the seafront towards Clacton. Public interest signs are planned that will point out second World War features such as tank traps, naval gun placements and German plane crash wreckage. A launch event and activities for local schools with a local historian are planned.

There were some comments about why the trail did not cover Walton-on-the-Naze, which had many second World War features. Sara Hayes said she would be happy to consider a similar project covering Walton-on-the-Naze. It was also suggested that they involve Frinton War Memorial Club who would be very interested in this project.

The presenters asked for support for a 'Frinton at War' information sign to be erected at the edge of the Greensward, overlooking the beach, near the Clock Tower and after discussion it was moved, seconded and

### **RECOMMENDED**

**That the Town Council write to Tendring District Council offering their support for a 'Frinton at War' information sign to be erected at the edge of the Greensward overlooking the beach, near the Clock Tower.**

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### **TAYLOR WIMPEY – KIRBY CROSS COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

(a) The Committee discussed Taylor Wimpey's request for suggestions of projects to support. So far 3 proposals had been put forward as follows:

- The refurbishment of the Columbine Centre car park.
- Improvements to the school library at Kirby School e.g., shelving, books, i- pads.
- Funding refurbishment of the clubhouse and courts at Kirby Tennis Club.

Councillor Mrs A. Oxley said she had been in touch with the Taylor Wimpey contact and discussed where £1million of Section 106 money that Taylor Wimpey had contributed is to be spent. As no satisfactory reply had been received Councillor E.T. Allen agreed to raise this matter with Tendring District Council, who control these monies.

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### **TENDRING BRASS BAND GRANT FUNDING REQUEST**

(a) The Committee considered a grant application from Tendring Brass Band for £500. The majority of the members were against providing this money as it would be funding a Tendring organisation not a local Frinton and Walton one. It was suggested that Tendring Brass Band may be

better seeking funding from Tendring District Council. Therefore, after discussion it was moved, seconded and

## **RECOMMENDED**

**That the Town Council does not give a grant of £500 to Tendring Brass Band.**

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### **COLUMBINE CENTRE**

- There had been a site meeting to discuss the proposal from the NHS to extend the use of the Columbine Centre as a vaccination centre after 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Concerns had been expressed that the NHS is only using the Columbine Centre as a vaccination centre for on average two days a week and that there is a risk that regular hirers would not return if they cannot use the Columbine Centre after 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021. At the site meeting it was agreed that a sensible compromise would be that the NHS would continue to use the Columbine Centre as a vaccination centre on a Thursday, Friday and Saturday each week. The other days would be available for hirers to use the Columbine Centre for their activities. It is anticipated that this new arrangement will start in August 2021. Therefore, after discussion it was moved, seconded and

## **RECOMMENDED**

**That the Town Council agree to let the NHS use the Columbine Centre as a vaccination hub on a Thursday, Friday and Saturday each week from August 2021 until February 2022.**

(b) There were no other matters discussed relating to the Columbine Centre.

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### **BUS AND SEA FRONT SHELTERS**

a) It was reported that the repair of the bus shelters was complete. There were no other matters discussed relating to bus and seafront shelters.

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### **ALLOTMENTS**

(a) The following matters were discussed:

- The annual rent increase which has been increased by 50p per rod in past years and is due to go up to £7.50 on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021. As 12 months' notice is required the Committee discussed the rent to be charged from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022. The Committee agreed that it should go up to £9 per rod from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 it was moved, seconded and

## **RECOMMENDED**

**That the Town Council agree an allotment rent of £9 per rod from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022.**

- The annual allotment inspection and it was agreed that David Oxley would be invited to attend the inspection.
- Waltham Way allotment site being put up for sale by Tendring District Council. It was agreed that if Tendring District Council were going to sell the site they should be allowed to proceed with this. It was noted that there would be considerable legal obstacles to overcome should any buyer try

to use the site for anything other than allotments. It was also noted that Tendring District Council had not had the courtesy to contact the Town Council about selling this site or others in the area such as the Columbine Centre. This is particularly galling as the Town Council had been managing this allotment site and dealing with all the matters that this involves since 1972. Presumably Tendring District Council had not had the courtesy to contact the allotment holders on this site as well about the implications of this proposed sale.

**AOB**

Councillor Mrs A. Oxley noted she had met with Essex CC Youth Services to discuss a proposal to park a Youth Bus near Walton-on-the-Naze skatepark. It had been agreed that the bus would be parked in Walton-on-the-Naze, probably on a Thursday evening. An Open day to publicise the Youth Bus in Walton-on-the-Naze is planned.

A request for £150 for plants at the Spinney to replace some damaged by a water leak was discussed. It was noted that the garden at Agar Road, Walton-on-the-Naze could also do with some funding for replacement plants. After discussion it was agreed that neither the garden in Frinton or Walton-on-the-Naze should receive funding for replacement plants at this point in time.

There were no further matters that the Chairman considered urgent, those present were thanked for their attendance and the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

CHAIRMAN