

**TOWN COUNCIL OF FRINTON AND WALTON**

**MINUTES of the Recreation and Amenities Committee  
held at the Council House, Frinton-on-Sea,  
Thursday, 12th August 2021 commencing at 7.15 pm**

**Present:**

Councillors: Mrs A. Oxley, (Chairman)  
E.T. Allen, Mrs L. Allen, P.R. Clifton, D. Oxley, Mrs I. Johnson, Mrs F. Robertson  
C.S. Keston (from 7.30pm).

**Absent:**

Councillors: Fiona Knowles, Miss P. Walford.

**In Attendance:**

Town Clerk: J. Wedge.

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**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were apologies from Councillors Fiona Knowles 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 1st July 2021 (pages 3 – 6) 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 between Frinton and Walton. Mr Carran had agreed to look at this matter.

It was noted that Councillor C.S. Keston had spoken with a householder to discuss what could be done to resolve her complaints about the Great Holland playground. These were that she wanted a bench moved and more bushes added to reduce noise from the playground. After discussion it was agreed that 4 signs should be erected asking users of the playground to respect neighbouring houses privacy and **it was moved, seconded and**

**Unanimously RECOMMENDED:**

**that 4 signs should be erected asking users of the playground to respect neighbouring houses privacy.**

Councillor Mrs A. Oxley reported that she had passed the details of the services the Marketfields School gardening organisation provide to Frinton in Bloom so that they could help with gardening activities around the Frinton gates area. Councillor ET Allen said that he would like an item on the next agenda to discuss further improving this area by refurbishing the iconic railway gates which he estimated might cost between £5,000 to £6,000.

There were no other matters arising from the minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021.

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**PRESENTATION ABOUT ‘SAFER CYCLING IN TENDERING: AN UPGRADE TO THE FRINTON TO GREAT HOLLAND PATH’**

A presentation about a proposed upgrade to the Frinton to Great Holland path for cycling was made by a local resident Richard Fletcher. It was noted that the cycle path upgrade would improve connectivity to other main cycle routes, promote healthy exercise and encourage more visitors to the area, who will boost the local economy. The cycle path that would be created would be hardcore based and provide a sound surface for cycling. Councillor ET Allen asked if horses would churn up the cycle path. Mr Fletcher said he had never seen this and he knew that horses used cycle paths regularly.

Councillor Keston agreed to raise the proposed cycle path with the Frinton Farm Partner’s manager, as they own most of the land in question. It was also agreed that Councillor Mrs A. Oxley would arrange for Mr Fletcher to have a meeting with John Fox at Tendring District Council, who may have access to funding for cycle schemes.

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**COLUMBINE CENTRE**

- (a) The NHS had given notice that they no longer needed the Columbine Centre for vaccinations so discussions about any new contract arrangements were no longer necessary.
- (b) There were no other matters discussed relating to the Columbine Centre.

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**BUS AND SEA FRONT SHELTERS**

It was reported that the seafront shelter next to the main toilets on the Greensward had been vandalised and repairs were to be carried out. There were no other matters discussed relating to bus and seafront shelters.

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**AGE CONCERN GRANT FUNDING REQUEST**

The Committee considered a grant application from Age Concern for £500 to help fund the support and advice services they provide to adults aged over 60 in our area. After discussion it was agreed to reject this application as it was from a national charity based in Colchester. If agreed it could encourage a wide range of applications for grants, which ideally should be given to locally based organisations and **it was moved, seconded and**

**Unanimously RECOMMENDED:**

**That the Town Council does not give a grant of £500 to Age Concern.**

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**ALLOTMENTS**

- (a) The report of the annual allotment inspections was noted.
- (b) The decision of Tendring District Council to sell various assets including the Pole Barn Lane allotment site was discussed. It was clear that this has caused considerable anxiety to many Pole Barn Lane allotment holders. However, re-assurances had been given by Tendring District Council that Pole Barn Lane allotments are to remain as allotments regardless of Tendring District Council's sale of assets project.

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**WALTON SKATEBOARD PARK**

After discussion it was agreed to defer any decision about allocating funds to refurbish Walton Skateboard Park as it may be part of a bigger scheme led by Tendring District Council to refurbish the whole area, including providing a MUGA and new tennis courts. It was noted that the 21-year lease with Tendring District Council for the Skateboard Park terminates on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

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**COUNCIL HOUSE**

The Committee discussed 3 quotations and decided that the quotation from Stroods Ltd. who carried out the recent works to refurbish the Council House offered the best value for money and **it was moved, seconded and**

**Unanimously RECOMMENDED:**

**That the Town Council accept the quotation from Stroods Ltd. of £3618 (excluding VAT) to provide an automated front door that allows disabled customers easy access to the Council House.**

**AOB**

The Chairman Councillor Mrs A. Oxley raised the issue of there being no allocated budget for Agar Road Garden improvements. She requested that £5,000 be allocated as a budget for improvement works at the Agar Road gardens. This would include clearing tree roots ready for planting new trees, which she had managed to obtain free of charge. After discussion **it was moved, seconded and**

**Unanimously RECOMMENDED:**

**That the Town Council allocate £5,000 to the Agar Road Garden as a budget for improvement works.**

Councillor ET Allen asked that the bins at the Spinney be checked and emptied by the staff who lock the gates as they had been overflowing with rubbish when he visited the Spinney. The Clerk noted that the £300 claim from Affinity Water for new plants to repair the damage Affinity Water caused when they repaired a water leak at the Spinney had been agreed and would be paid in full.

There were no further matters that the Chairman considered urgent, those present were thanked for their attendance and the meeting closed at 8.29pm.

CHAIRMAN