

**TOWN COUNCIL OF FRINTON AND WALTON**

**MINUTES of the Recreation and Amenities Committee  
held at the Council House, Frinton-on-Sea,  
Thursday 23rd February 2023 commencing at 7.15pm**

**Present:**

Councillors: ET Allen (Chairman)  
F Robertson, I Johnson, A Oxley, P Clifton, F Knowles, C Keston, L Allen

**Apologies:**

Councillors: D Oxley, P Walford

**Absent:**

Councillors: None

**In Attendance:**

Town Clerk: Mrs J. Woodland  
Members of the Public: 2

**RA/23/35**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllrs D Oxley and P Walford.

**RA/23/36**

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022 be approved as a true record.

**RA/23/37**

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

Cllr A Oxley queried whether there had been any progress with setting up an onsite meeting with the gardener at Agar Road and The Spinney to discuss the garden maintenance concerns. The Clerk confirmed that contact had been made with the gardener however he felt it would be wise to wait until early spring before deciding which plants to cut back or remove as acting too early may take out plants that would come back in the spring. It is diarised to arrange a meeting for March.

**RA/23/38**

**COLUMBINE CENTRE**

Members received a written report on Columbine Centre promotional activities and bookings for information and noted a positive calendar year ahead with various events booked in. It was noted that regular bookings had reduced to which the Clerk confirmed that two regular hirers had ceased their hire arrangement with us due to the impact of the cost of living challenges.

**RA/23/39**

**COLUMBINE CENTRE TOILETS**

Members heard from the Clerk about a complaint received from a hirer and a resident following on from a recent large-scale event whereby the toilets unfortunately blocked and caused some minor flooding. The Clerk confirmed that the drain had been rodded after the event and two black dustbin bags full of toilet paper had been removed from the drain. It was felt that a CCTV survey of the drains would be a prudent action to take to ascertain any preventative measures that could be taken. The Clerk had already obtained one quotation which Members felt was quite expensive.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk would seek a further quotation for comparison, with delegated authority given for the quoted sum of £325 plus VAT for the Clerk to proceed with the drainage CCTV survey for invoicing in the new financial year 2023/24.

**RA/23/40**

**COLUMBINE CENTRE CAR PARK**

Cllr Allen provided an update confirming he had spoken to the officer in charge at TDC about the raised block paving issue at the Columbine Centre, and that the officer was due to visit the site for assessment. The Clerk confirmed that an officer from Parking Services at TDC had attended site on the 25<sup>th</sup> January and photographed the issue, but no further update had been received.

**RESOLVED** that Cllr Allen would again speak to TDC to attempt to bring to a resolution.

**RA/23/41**

**SEAFRONT SHELTER – FRINTON GREENSWARD**

Members noted the photographic evidence of damage occurred to the seafront shelter at the end of Connaught Avenue on the Greensward, and considered options to manage the repetitive incidents of damage to the shelter.

**RA/23/42**

**KIRBY WAR MEMORIAL**

Members noted the quotation from Bakers of Danbury for the restoration of the painting to the names on the Kirby le Soken War Memorial and considered the budgetary constraints of the current 2022/23 budget for the war memorial.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk would seek a further quotation from an alternative contractor and defer the item to the new budget year 2023/24 for further consideration at that time.

**RA/23/43**

**TOWN & PARISH SUMMARY OF NEED**

Members reviewed the current summary of need provided by TDC and made updates for return to TDC as follows.

- To amend the description of the proposed Walton MUGA to clarify that this relates to the area containing the tennis courts adjacent to the skatepark in Walton becomes a multi-purpose recreational venue.
- To delete the renewal of play equipment at Main Road, Gt Holland facility as this has since been completed

- To delete the refurbishment of the courts at Frinton Park Tennis Courts as this has since been completed
- To amend the estimated costs of provision of an additional skate ramp to Walton skate park from £10,000 to £20,000 and amend the priority from H (high) to M (medium).
- To amend the estimated costs of provision of a refurbishment to the surface and fencing for Walton MUGA from £30,000 to £60,000 and amend the priority from H (high) to M (medium)
- To add an estimated cost for the provision of a children's play park to an undecided location in Frinton at £150,000
- To amend the priority from L (low) to M (medium) for the 'Assessment of Sports Grounds – Inadequate/Shortfall in Existing Provision' and amend the estimated costs from £180,000 to £200,000
- To ask TDC why the Naze and Frinton Greensward are not included in the list of 'Formal Open Spaces'.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm

**Next Meeting:** 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023

CHAIRMAN