

# Amersham Town Council

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### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 20 February 2017

**Present:** Councillor C Morgan (Deputy Chair and Deputy Town Mayor)  
Councillor M Vivis (Town Mayor)  
Councillor D Kenchington  
Councillor L Walsh

**In Attendance:** Mr S Catanach (Town Clerk- Community, Communications & Services)

31. **Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Councillor A Seymour (Chair)  
Councillor L Staite  
Councillor J Cook  
Councillor M Flys  
Councillor C Jones  
Councillor A Lamont  
Councillor M Grimson

32. **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest

33. **Matters Arising from the Approved Minutes of 05 December 2016 - None**

34. **To consider the purchase of bunting for Sycamore Road and Broadway, including the Memorial Gardens**

A report circulated prior to the meeting was considered. The Councillors noted that bunting adds vibrancy and colour to Amersham and agreed to purchase red, white and blue bunting at a cost of £1650 from Flying Colours.

Councillor Walsh expressed that she would like to see the bunting extended further along Sycamore Road. The Town Clerk will action this and ensure that the cross street bunting is extended beyond Woodside Close, up to Hamptons Estate Agents.

Proposed Councillor Mark Vivis  
Seconded Councillor Debbie Kenchington

**35. Amersham in Bloom Items**

The Town Clerk updated the Councillors on Amersham in Bloom matters and the intended Memorial Gardens display. The report noted the following:

- A record number of Christmas trees were chipped at the depot this January- 331 in total.
- In conjunction with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amersham on the Hill Cub Wolf Pack, 500 native trees donated by OVO Energy were planted at Willow Wood. This is the first time that this scout group had been involved with a Town Council initiative.
- Pupils from Stony Dean School continue to volunteer each week- Over the past month five boys have sanded and subsequently treated two of the town's benches that are located outside the PO Sorting Office. Town Mayor, Mark Vivis, recently presented the school with the Amersham in Bloom Outstanding Achievement Award in recognition of their efforts in helping within the community.

The Town Clerk reported that Amersham shall be taking part in The Great British Spring Clean, the national littering picking initiative that is taking place over the first weekend of March. Councillor Vivis agreed to email all Councillors inviting them to assist with a Town Centre litter pick at 11am on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March (at St Michael's Forecourt), which is one of a number of events that is planned over the three days.

**36. To consider installing an oak sleeper planter outside Wentworth Kitchens in Sycamore Road**

After discussion the Council agreed with the proposal to replace the small concrete planter in Sycamore Road (outside Wentworth Kitchens) with a larger oak wooden sleeper planter. The new planter is to be constructed by the depot. It was noted that the new planter would improve this gateway to one of the town's main thoroughfares.

Proposed Councillor Mark Vivis  
Seconded Councillor Debbie Kenchington

**37. To review the suggested itinerary for the Bensheim delegation visit in July**

A draft programme was circulated prior to the meeting. Following a discussion it was agreed to arrange the following itinerary for the Bürgermeister and his delegation from Bensheim when they visit Amersham in July.

***Saturday 8 July***

Councillor Morgan to collect delegation from Heathrow

Afternoon      Tour of Chiltern Open Air Museum  
6pm              BBQ at Councillor Kenchington's House

**Sunday 9 July**

10am            Museum tour and the Martyrs Memorial Walk  
12.30pm       Lunch at Côte for all Councillors, their partners and the delegation, followed by a special band concert in the Memorial Gardens (from 2.30pm)  
7pm              Dinner at the Royal Standard

**Monday 10 July**

Morning        At leisure, coffee at Season's  
Afternoon      Lunch at Red Lion in Little Missenden. Drop off at Heathrow

**38. To review and approve the draft Amersham Town Council asset/property map**

A draft copy of the Town Council asset map was distributed at the meeting. Following a discussion it was agreed to make a few additions -adding a photograph of Pondwicks, removing the photo of the Station Road properties and adding a **You Are Here** tag. The map is to be displayed in the Town Council noticeboards.

The Councillors are keen to discover if it is viable to have an *app* and/or *QR Codes* added to the map. The Town Clerk will investigate this possibility.

**39. To set up a working group/party to represent the Town Council in the discussions with Chiltern District Council in reference to the Chiltern Pools redevelopment**

Following a discussion it was agreed to set up a working group committee as follows, to liaise with CDC and their consultants in respect of the Chiltern Pools Redevelopment;

CLlr Rob Jones (Chair)  
CLlr Liz Walsh (Vice Chair)  
CLlr Mark Vivis  
CLlr Clive Morgan  
CLlr Mark Grimson

**40. To approve redecoration works planned for Hervines Park Pavilion**

Photographs of Hervines Park Pavilion were distributed at the meeting to supplement the Town Clerk report which was circulated prior to the meeting. The poor state of decoration was noted.

After discussion it was agreed for the depot to undertake redecoration as follows, at an approximate cost of £500:

- Refresh the paint on the walls and ceiling
- Paint the doors, skirting and architrave

- Sand and re-varnish the interior wood panelling
- Clean and paint soffits
- Re-treat all exterior wood panelling
- Sand and repaint external railings
- Clean exterior entrances

The works are scheduled to be completed by mid- April 2017.

Proposed Councillor Mark Vivis  
 Seconded Councillor Liz Walsh

**41. To discuss the letter received from the Amersham Action Group asking for the Council to consider waiving the road closure charge that is due to be imposed for the Christmas Event that is planned for AOTH this December**

The letter from the Amersham Action Group was circulated prior to the meeting. Following discussion and consideration, the Councillors decided that they are unable to waiver the road closure charge that would be imposed for the Christmas event planned in AOTH on 9 December. However, the Council would be happy to consider awarding the group a grant again this year, from which the road closure charge could be taken.

**42. Chiltern District Council Matters – There were no matters for discussion**

**43. Bucks County Council Matters**

The Town Clerk reported that the Town Council will commence the installation of bollards on the verges of Stanley Hill this week. It is hoped that the bollards, funded by LAF, will improve the grass verges along Stanley Hill while increasing the safety of this main road.

**44. Matters for Report**

The Town Clerk reported that the fencing to the side of Barn Meadow Community Hall, which enclosed the garden needs to be replaced. Two options were considered with a closed board fence being the preferred option at a cost of approximately £350.

Proposed Councillor Liz Walsh  
 Seconded Councillor Debbie Kenchington

The meeting ended at 20.40

Chairman ..... Date.....