

Amersham Town Council

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 11 APRIL 2022

PRESENT: Councillor D Pinkney (Chair)
Councillor M Roberts (Town Mayor)
Councillor Mrs J Barnes (Deputy Town Mayor)
Councillor M Dormer
Councillor Mrs P Milliner (Vice Chair)
Councillor S Woodhead (from 7.43pm)

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Dr E Shepherd
Mrs E Richardson - Town Clerk Finance & Policy

61. **APOLOGIES:** Councillor M Flys
Councillor Mrs V Head
Councillor A Lamont
Councillor Ms C Jones

62. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
There were no declarations of interest

63. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE F & GP MINUTES OF 14 FEBRUARY 2022:**
There were no matters arising.

64. **TO RECEIVE THE FINANCE REPORTS FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2022:**

a) Finance Reports

- i) Income and Expenditure Reports for periods ending 31 January and 28 February 2022
- ii) Balance sheets as at 31 January and 28 February 2022
- iii) Accounts paid to from 1 January to 28 February 2022

It was Proposed - Councillor Mrs J Barnes
Seconded – Councillor M Roberts

RECOMMENDED that the finance reports for the period 1 to 31 January and 1 to 28 February 2022 be accepted.

64. **HIRE OF PORTABLE TOILETS AT BARN MEADOW AND HERVINES PARK FOR SUMMER 2022:**

Following the success of the hire of temporary portable toilets at Barn Meadow and Hervines Park for public use in recent years,

It was Proposed – Councillor M Dormer
Seconded – Councillor M Roberts

RECOMMENDED that the toilets be hired for the period 12 April to 13 September at a cost of £35 per week plus £15 delivery charge. It was noted that this fee includes regular cleaning of the toilets.

65. **SIX WEEK TEMPORARY EXTENSION TO STREET LIGHTING CONTRACT:**

Councillors were informed that a tender is currently being prepared for the new street lighting maintenance contract. With the current contract due to expire on 30 April

It was Proposed – Councillor Mrs P Milliner
Seconded – Councillor M Roberts

RECOMMENDED to extend the current maintenance contract for a 6 week period at no extra charge, (unless there are any incidents of street light knockdowns requiring immediate attention, which would be billed in the usual way).

66. **GRANT PAYMENT TO CHILTERN YOUTH CLUB:**

66. **BUCKS UNITARY AUTHORITY MATTERS:**

There were no matters for discussion.

57. **MATTERS FOR REPORT:**

a) **Town Meeting**

It was decided to re-schedule the Town Meeting in order to avoid holding the meeting during the pre-election period for the upcoming by-election in the Amersham Town ward. The Town meeting will now take place on 3 May 2022.

Part two

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

That under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they include the likely disclosure of exempt information, stated to be confidential.

58. **LAND ADJACENT TO RECTORY WOODS - REQUEST FROM OWNER FOR TRANSFER OF LAND:**

The information in the Town Clerk's report was noted. After discussion Members agreed that they would not be open to transferring or selling the garden area or the parking area adjacent to the applicant's property and would contest any claim of adverse possession. The Town Clerk will clarify the Council's legal position before contacting the applicant.

59. **MARKET HALL REPAIR PROJECT:**

The Clerk updated Councillors on the progress of the Market Hall Clock Tower repair project. Several Councillors expressed an interest in accepting the contractor's offer

to visit the site and view the work being undertaken. The Clerk will arrange a date for this visit.

60. **WESTWOOD PARK LODGE – RENEWAL OF LEASE FROM LITTLE CHALFONT PARISH COUNCIL:**

The Clerk updated Members on the latest progress with the renewal of the lease.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Chairman.....

Date

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