

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY
27th JANUARY 2025 AT 7:00PM IN THE COLYTON TOWN HALL.**

Present: Cllrs M Mann, S Real, J Gardiner, K Clifford, G Stephenson, G Chesterton, A Stenning, A Parr, J Hay and R Turner. Also S Haines (clerk)

Members of public: 1

A25/01/01 To receive and accept apologies for absence. Cllr Arnott.

A25/01/02 No committee meetings held in December. Noted.

A25/01/03 Matters arising from the Minutes. None.

A25/01/04 Declarations of interest. None.

A25/01/05 Democratic Period. Member of public did not wish to speak.

A25/01/06 Land at Stafford Cross. Cllr Parr suggested the clerk email EDDC again to remind them of the issue of Stafford Cross, the transfer has never been completed as the order was made out of the statutory time allowed and therefore invalid. The issue needs to be kept alive, especially considering the potential reorganisation of District and County Councils. Cllr Real proposed a letter be sent, seconded by Cllr Parr and agreed by all.

A25/01/07 Report of water run-off from Allotments on to Shiphay Farm. Cllr Real reported that the water coming off of the allotments and onto Shiphay Farm is becoming excessive, Cllr Mann to inspect site and report back at the next agenda.

A25/01/08 Dolphin Street toilets. Cllr Stenning requested to see a plan of the drainage – Cllr Mann to produce. Cllr Hay pointed out that signage will need to be changed and be visible from the road. He also asked the question about business rates. Cllr Mann explained that the idea would be once the unit is completed and a tenant is in, they would be responsible for the rates. Cllr Gardiner listed a number of concerns stating that the deadline for the transfer is 31st March 2025 which will come around quickly. Things to still be considered are get an impartial body to look at the draft transfer, is the Parish Council protected? There are condition reports to be presented at transfer – who will produce these? There needs to be an emergency repair fund built into the budget for any unexpected expense as things like vandalism would not be covered under the insurance. Cleaning and disposals, sharps bin needs to be provided by law and cleaning ought to be done by a professional outfit who would have all relevant COSHH training and certificates and would arrange cover if staff sick or on holiday. There are costings for planning permissions/ building surveys to consider also who owns the outside wall along the roadside, any signs needs to have vehicular visibility. Also concerns raised over the difference in the levels of the land. Cllr Mann listened to all points and stated they are all valid but the main concern needs to be keeping the one toilet open. This will be on the next agenda.

A25/01/09 Items bought to the Chairs attention after the agenda was published to be noted.
None.

A25/01/10 Date of next Meetings,
Full meeting – Monday 10th February
Committee meeting – Monday 24th February.

Meeting closed: 19:55.