

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY
27th AUGUST 2024 AT 7:00PM IN THE COLYTON TOWN HALL.**

Present: Cllrs K Clifford, R Turner, M Mann, A Stenning, J Gardiner, G Stephenson, G Chesterton, J Hay and S Real.

Members of public: 0.

A24/08/40 To receive and accept apologies for absence. Cllr Parr.

A24/08/41 The minutes of the Amenities committee meeting held Monday 29th July 2024 (appendix L) for approval. These were approved.

A24/08/42 Matters arising from the Minutes. None.

A24/08/43 Declarations of interest. None.

A24/08/44 Democratic Period. No members of public present to speak.

A24/08/45 Cemetery headstone not meeting regulations and shrub growing on plot. Headstone is not a problem but Clerk to chase for payment. Clerk to move to the next meeting and provide the rules for headstones. Clerk to contact surrounding relatives of the shrub to ask if they planted it. Proposed by Cllr Turner, seconded by Cllr Real and agreed by all.

A24/08/46 Application for a memorial bench to be placed at the Picnic Site. Cllr Real proposed asking if they'd have it at the PMPF Play Park where there is already a plinth which they wouldn't have to pay for, seconded by Cllr Real and agreed by all. Cllr Turner to contact applicant.

A24/08/47 Clerk has received a response from the Environment Agency regarding the silt build up in the River Coly at Umborne Business Park. The Council have been informed that this work has recently been assessed and desilt works are programmed in for this summer immediately downstream of Umbourne (Green) Bridge, and upstream of Chantry Bridge. Unfortunately, their flood defence scheme does not extend further downstream towards the Ham Bridge and therefore, they will not be conducting any work in that area. The clerk has asked who is responsible for this area. EA have confirmed it is land owners responsibility. Cllr Clifford proposed the Clerk should let the EA know how concerned the Parish Council is about the buildup of silt (river gravel) by the Umborne Bridge Business Park and write to the EA asking them to clarify about Umborne Bridge, seconded by Cllr Mann and agreed by all.

A24/08/48 Response received from Richard Foord's secretary to the letter sent asking for help with South West Water, asking for names of people who have replied to the clerk from South West Water and an address where the pollution is occurring. The clerk has supplied this information.

A24/08/49 Broken bench at PMPF playpark, does this need replacing, there is one bench remaining. See A24/08/46.

A24/08/50 Temporary fencing along Road Green. Should this be removed for Carnival Night? Cllr Stenning proposed it should be removed, seconded by Cllr Turner and agreed by all.

A24/08/51 Email received from Tozers regarding the toilet transfer. Outlining some clauses in the transfer and listing some pre-contract searches that the Council may wish to conduct. Clerk to move to next meeting when Cllr Parr should be present.

A24/08/52 Items bought to the Chairs attention after the agenda was published to be noted. None.

A24/08/53 Date of next Meetings,

Full meeting – Monday 16th September

Committee meeting – No committee meeting in September.

Meeting closed: 20:05.