

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY  
28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2024 AT 7:00PM IN THE COLYTON TOWN HALL.**

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

**Members of public:** 1

**A24/10/54 To receive and accept apologies for absence.** None.

**A24/10/55 No committee meetings held in September.** Noted.

**A24/10/56 Matters arising from the Minutes.** None.

**A24/10/57 Declarations of interest.** None.

**A24/10/58 Democratic Period.** Member of public did not wish to speak.

**A24/10/59 Land at Stafford Cross.** Cllr Parr proposed this be discussed 'in committee' due to its legal nature, this was seconded by Cllr Turner. After much discussion it was decided to write to Symonds and Sampson to ask them to not draw up a new lease in Colyford's name as according to the Land Registry, Colyton is still the legal owner of the land. This was proposed by Cllr Parr and seconded by Cllr Gardiner with 9 in favour. Cllr Parr to draft a letter.

**A24/10/60 Application for a memorial bench to be placed at the Picnic Site.** Cllr Turner reported that the applicant declined the offer to place the bench in the playing fields, they wish to place it under the trees to the left of the shelter. Cllr Mann to look for a suitable site. Clerk has shared details with Cllr Turner for a supplier for the bench.

**A24/10/61 Working party for the Dolphin Street Toilets.** Cllr Mann reported that a very useful meeting was held with Doug Stanton from EDDC, plenty of options were talked about. We are currently awaiting accurate recent figures for the cost of running the toilets. Cllrs on the working party are Cllrs Mann, Chesterton, Gardiner, Stenning and Arnott.

**A24/10/62 Items bought to the Chairs attention after the agenda was published to be noted.**

Cllr Hay brought up the lights in the car park again, Cllr Arnott confirmed they have been reported and he will chase but it is out of his control.

Cllr Clifford mentioned the Strategic Planning Committee meeting at Blackdown House, he will be attending with Cllr Stenning and is keen to mention the fact that the rare Great Crested Newt resides on land that has been put forward for consideration for development.

Cllr Turner mentioned a sign belonging to Symonds and Sampson has been placed on land owned by the Parish Council without consultation at the Umborne Business Park.

Cllr Turner spoke of the advertisement board for the Gerrard Arms in the field opposite the Umborne Business Park, who is this siting agreed with?

**A24/10/63 Date of next Meetings,**

Full meeting – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Committee meeting – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

**Meeting closed: 20:16.**

