

North Mymms Parish Council

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Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 6 March 2024 at 19.00 hours in the Parish Office, 1a Bushwood Close, AL9 7YZ

Those Present:

Councillors: Mrs Teresa Travell Chairman
Mrs Mia Americanos-Molinaro
Mr James Bentall
Mr Paul Thomson

Officer: Mrs Christine Wootton

The meeting commenced at 19.00 hours.

2023/AC/48	To receive apologies for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Paul Ferguson and Isabel Moritz. These were accepted.
2023/AC/49	Disclosures of Interests and Dispensations a) To receive requests for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interests on items on the agenda. None. b) To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests None. c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate None.
2023/AC/50	To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2023 It was proposed by Councillor Mia Americanos-Molinaro and seconded by Councillor Teresa Travell and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2023 which had been sent to Members prior to the meeting, be approved and were signed by the Chairman.
2023/AC/51	To report on matters relating to the Parish Council's Open Spaces <ul style="list-style-type: none">A complaint had been received regarding the "ghost-like" scarecrows at the fishing lake and the materials left on the island at Gobions Open Space. The Clerk has addressed this with the Chairman of the Angling Club.A long-term tenant of the Parish Council's allotment had sadly passed away. The Clerk was asked to send a condolence card to the family. Action: Clerk

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gobions car park will be closed from 11-15 March 2024 to allow aggregate to be delivered and spread as a top-dressing. Notices have been posted at the car park and posted to social media. The body twist gym equipment at Gobions needs repairing. Due to the cost of replacements, it was agreed to cordon off the unit until further notice. Action: Clerk/Grounds Staff.
2023/AC/52	<p>To discuss allotment judging/event and hire of skip</p> <p>It was agreed to defer this to the Parish Council Meeting. Action: Clerk</p>
2023/AC/53	<p>To receive and consider The Playground Inspection Company reports</p> <p>The reports have been reviewed and any actions highlighted had been undertaken by the Grounds Staff.</p>
2023/AC/54	<p>To consider and agree supplier of bollard at Little Heath Open Space</p> <p>A request is to be made to re-allocate the grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Trustees at HCF towards improved security for Parish Council open spaces. Action: Clerk</p>
2023/AC/55	<p>To discuss and agree installation of new boiler at Burns Pavilion</p> <p>The installation of the new boiler has taken place. Councillors had unanimously approved the installation prior to the meeting due to the urgency of providing heating and hot water in the Pavilion.</p>
2023/AC/56	<p>To consider weather proofing of outside cladding of Burns Pavilion</p> <p>It was agreed the exterior wood cladding of the Pavilion should be weather-proofed. Quotations to be obtained to carry out this work. Action: Clerk</p>
2023/AC/57	<p>To consider proposal for refurbishment of accessible toilet in Pavilion</p> <p>The accessible toilet, whilst outdated, is fully functioning. It was agreed quotations should be obtained to bring the accessible toilet in line with current building regulations. Action: Clerk</p>
2023/AC/58	<p>To discuss and agree purchase of kitchen equipment for Pavilion</p> <p>It was agreed the purchase of kitchen equipment (crocker, cutlery, saucepans, etc) for the Pavilion is not necessary at this time.</p>
2023/AC/59	<p>To review Asset Register 2024</p> <p>The Parish Council's assets had been reviewed by Councillor Paul Thomson and the Register updated. Several items have been identified for disposal which are broken or irreparable.</p>
2023/AC/60	<p>To consider installation of automatic bollards in Bushwood Close</p> <p>Quotations to be obtained for automatic bollards to improve security. Action: Clerk/Book-keeper.</p>
2023/AC/61	<p>To consider heating system in the Burns Pavilion</p>

	The heating system (hot-air blowers) in the Burns Pavilion is sufficient for current needs.
2023/AC/62	To consider and agree on a security/fire alarm system for Tractor Shed Alternative quotes to be obtained as it was agreed an updated system is required for both the Tractor Shed and the Pavilion. Action: Clerk
2023/AC/63	To consider that under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press should be excluded from item 2023/AC/64 of the agenda of this meeting in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted It was RESOLVED that, as item 2023/AC/64 dealt with confidential business relating to NMPC property, the public and press be excluded from the discussions under the Section 1 of the public bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 as amended by the Local Government Act 1972 s100.
2023/AC/64	To discuss issues relating to NMPC property The Clerk was asked to organize the work relating to 2 Bushwood Close relating to the electrical works and boiler installation. Action: Clerk

The meeting closed at 19.54 hours.

Signed _____

Date