



CHARD TOWN COUNCIL

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COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the **Amenities Committee** meeting of Chard Town Council held on Wednesday 13th April 2011 in the Town Hall at 7.30pm.

Present:

Councillors:

G Shortland – Chair

Mrs J C Shortland – Mayor

D Bulmer – Deputy Mayor

Mrs. S Wyatt

Mr. A J Prior

Mrs. C Morrison

Mrs. S Wyatt

In Attendance: Mr. Paul Thresher, Amenities Supervisor.

There were two members of the public present.

10. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given.

[LGA 1972 s85 \(1\)](#).

Apologies were received from Councillor D Hill – illness and Councillor Mrs. A Spencer – holiday

RESOLVED: to note the apologies and approve the reasons given.

11. Declarations of Interest. Members to declare any interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Local Authorities ([Model Code of Conduct](#)) Order 2007 SI No.1159. *(NB this does not preclude any later declarations)*.

None received.

12. Exclusion of the Press and public - To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded under Standing Order #1c.

13. Amenities Supervisor's Report

All the Members of the Committee congratulated the Amenities Supervisor for yet another excellent report. Thanks is also due to the Amenities Team for all their hard work.

The Members commented on the Zone Cleaning programme which was felt should be made available for all Councillors' perusal. The Town Council should write to the Highways Authority regarding our Amenities Team clearing excess grit from pavements caused by the potholes in Crewkerne Road, Silver Street, Boden Street and Avishayes Road areas and request some kind of recompense or remuneration for doing this extra work.

RESOLVED: that the Amenities Supervisor, following Members' discussions should contact the Highways Authority regarding drainage at Mitchell Gardens;

14. To receive update on Jubilee Garden Project at Jocelyn Park

RESOLVED: that we should go through a local residents consultation as we need local agreement. We need also to be aware of potential anti social behaviour in the area. The police could potentially be involved in monitoring this area.

15. To receive update regarding planting in and around town

The Amenities Supervisor reported that he had hand delivered the Flower Basket order forms to businesses and shops in town and the response has been favourable. The School's will plant out the planters in Howards Row as in previous years. Councillor Garry Shortland apologised to those present that an up to date plant list was not circulated to Members for this year's planting schemes, and one will be made available shortly.

RESOLVED: to circulate an up to date list of plants to Members.

16. To receive update on work at Ashcroft Play Area

The new playscheme at Ashcroft was proceeding well albeit slightly behind schedule, it was agreed that the repairs to the existing equipment had not yet been completed as the supplier company is awaiting the parts. The Amenities Supervisor reported that once the repairs were completed that the safety surfacing under the wooden climbing frame would be renewed as soon as possible.

RESOLVED: to note the Amenities Supervisor's verbal report.

17. Correspondence –

- i) Members to consider a letter from Mr Lambert regarding suggestions for improved visual enhancements at the Gateway entrances to Chard.

RESOLVED: that the Amenities Supervisor and Councillor Garry Shortland to arrange a mutually convenient time for a meeting with Mr J Lambert to discuss improvements to our floral schemes and displays.

- ii) Members to consider a petition from residents living at King Ceol Close, Chard asking for a Grit Bin to be provided at the top of the road.

RESOLVED: to agree to this request and to purchase the grit bin to be charged to the Street Furniture budget head.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.14 pm.