

**Report of a Meeting of the Amenities Committee of Chard Town Council**  
**held on Tuesday 3 January 2006**

**Present: Deputy Mayor Cllr D M Bulmer (Chairman)**

**Cllrs P D C Fitzgerald, A J Prior, Mrs A Spencer and Mrs S P Wyatt.**

**Amenities Manager and Administrative Assistant**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Hill, Mrs Morrison and Mrs Wickenden

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Prior declared a prejudicial interest in item 6.a) being Treasurer and a Trustee of Chard Museum.

**3. Public Participation Time. For this agenda item the council adjourns its business under Standing Orders 15 (g) and 68 to allow residents, employees or business people of Chard to address the meeting on any Amenities matter**

**RESOLVED: to suspend Standing Orders to allow members of the public to speak**

Mr Barry Dillon, Chairman of Chard Museum, addressed the committee concerning item 6.a). He told members that up until 2004 Chard Town Council had cut the grass at the Museum free of charge, then a letter had been received saying that this would have to be paid for. During 2005 Chard Town Council had been unable to fulfil the expected number of cuts and had given a proportionate refund to the Museum. Mr Dillon told the committee that he was sad that the Town Council felt unable to support the Museum.

**RESOLVED: to reinstate Standing Orders; to bring forward item 6.a)**

**Cllr Prior left the room prior to this item being discussed**

6. a) Review of grass cutting at Chard Museum

**RESOLVED: to take this item to next Town Council meeting with the recommendation that the charge for grass cutting at Chard Museum be lifted.**

**4. Budget Update (previously circulated)**

**RESOLVED: to note that all Councillors had received and noted the Year to Date Budget**

**5. Amenities Manager's Report**

The Amenities Manager told the committee that he was pleased to report that the soil bund, adjacent to the car park at Jocelyn Park, had been successfully removed at no cost to the Town Council. There still remained a large heap at the top of the park, which would need removing this year along with the soil heap at Upper Henson Park. With the budget being very restricted for the coming year he asked that the committee consider using the remainder of the monies in the Play Equipment Repair Budget (A6) for the current year to pay for this work.

He told members that the oil store was nearing completion and he hoped to have it finished by the end of this financial year. He expressed thanks to Cllr Prior for the donation of a bench, which had been refurbished and was now in place in the Cemetery. Work was continuing on restoring the old iron benches from SSDC and some old railings had been acquired, which after repair would be used in the cemetery. The big sweeper would be in on Wednesday 4 January.

There were still problems with dumping of rubbish at the allotments and there was a need to encourage more recycling here. There had been problems with flooding at the Watts Brothers Store, which he hoped had now been resolved. He reminded the committee that money would need to be put aside sometime in the future for repairs and renewals to this building. He told the committee there being very little money available for the coming financial year they would do their best to keep all the machinery going but they would need to look at the purchase of a new tractor for 2007/8.

**RESOLVED:** to note the Amenities Manager's Report; that the remaining balance from Play Equipment Repair Budget (A6) be used to tidy up the play areas; to note that Councillors felt the cost of collecting rubbish at the allotments should be reflected in the rent.

## 6. Amenities

b) Annual Playground Inspection Report 2005

**RESOLVED:** to note the Annual Playground Inspection Report 2005

c) Letter from St Mary's Church PCC entitled "Churchyard Railings

**RESOLVED:** to acknowledge the letter from St Mary's Church PCC

d) Dog Bin at Halcombe

**RESOLVED:** to install a dog bin at Halcombe; to request permission from SSDC to site the bin on the grass bank in their ownership.

e) Annual Playground Inspection

**RESOLVED:** to accept the Annual Playground Inspection Offer from SSDC.

## 7. Chard in Bloom

The Amenities Manager told the committee that this years theme would be pink and blue and there would be a concentrated effort to attract more sponsorship. There were plans for new planting features in Howards Row and by the Stringfellow Plane in Fore Street.

## 8. Allotments

a) Letter from Catherine Bond (enclosed)

**RESOLVED:** to support the request for a hedge; to obtain the landowners agreement.

b) Water Supply at Allotments

**RESOLVED:** to note there is a leak at the allotment site; that CTC officers will continue to investigate the situation.

## **9. Cemetery**

The Amenities Manager had nothing to report on the cemetery. Cllr Mrs Wyatt said that the benches in the Memorial Garden needed painting and this was noted by the Amenities Manager.

## **10. Footpaths**

Footpath Maintenance – email from Paul Attwell SSDC

**RESOLVED:** to continue with the footpath contract for the coming year; to review the contract later in the year for 2007/8.

## **11. Street Cleansing**

Fly Tipping

The Amenities Manager pointed out that they had been out every day over the Christmas period clearing litter and fly tips. Litter was proving an ever-increasing problem, especially at holiday times and the fact that pubs and take-aways could now open longer hours under the new licensing laws. There were great problems with fly tipping at the recycling sites with the banks filling very quickly and many items then being left in carrier bags around the site.

Cllr Bulmer raised the problem of fly tipping on South Somerset Homes sites. He had received many complaints from residents in his ward about the length of time taken to remove the clear these sites.

After some discussion all Councillors present agreed to log incidents of fly tipping on South Somerset Homes sites with a view to writing to the Chief Executive.

**Report of a Meeting of the Amenities Committee of Chard Town Council**  
**held on Tuesday 7 March 2006**

**Present:** His Worship the Mayor Cllr J D Malcolm  
Deputy Mayor Cllr D M Bulmer (Chairman)

Cllrs P D C Fitzgerald, D R Hill, Mrs C A Morrison, Mrs A Spencer and  
Mrs S P Wyatt.

**Amenities Manager and Administrative Assistant**

**12. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs R T Wickenden

**13. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

**14. Public Participation Time. For this agenda item the council adjourns its business under Standing Orders 15 (g) and 68 to allow residents, employees or business people of Chard to address the meeting on any Amenities matter**

There were no members of the public present

**15. Budget Update (Previously Circulated)**

**RESOLVED:** to note that all Councillors had received and noted the Year to Date Budget

**16. Amenities Manager's Report**

The Amenities Manager told the committee he was delighted to report that having an additional member of staff had made a big difference to the increasing workload. The use of litter bins for household waste had been becoming a burden along with the growing number of fly tips.

An additional bench had been placed in Jocelyn Park and the team had rebuilt the fence around the play area by the new Multi Use Games Area at Lower Henson Park. He told the committee that they would need to consider future funding for pathways to both the Henson Park and Jocelyn Park MUGA's.

He drew the committee's attention to the unfinished cycle track at Lower Henson and he hoped that the County Council would finish off and tidy this area before the start of grass cutting. He said that no policy for maintenance and clearing of this cycle path appeared to be in place and he would be pleased if the County Councillors would follow this up.

**RESOLVED:** to note the Amenities Manager's Report; to write to Cllr Buchanan concerning the maintenance and clearing of the cycle path.

## 17. Amenities

- a) Letter from Mrs Herbert – Request to Hold Annual Carnival Fair and a Small Spring Fair

**RESOLVED:**           **to agree to the Carnival Fair; to agree in principle to a spring fair; to establish dates and fees**

- b) Pollarding of trees in Furnham Road

The Amenities Manager explained that the Town Council pollard the trees in Furnham Road and other parts of the town. As these trees were the responsibility the County Council and not the Town he thought that this work should either be taken over by the County Council or that they should pay the Town Council for this work.

**RESOLVED:**           **to write to Cllr Buchanan explaining the situation and asking him to take the matter up with the County Council.**

- c) Upper Henson and Ashcroft Park Play Area's

The Chairman told that committee that it was proposed to erect fencing at Upper Henson Park and at Ashcroft Park. He explained that the survey for the play area conducted last year had had a positive response. A high number of responses had indicated that fencing was a priority for safety reasons and to reduce dog fouling. A consultation letter had also gone to residents of Ashcroft and the surrounding area of which there had been five positive responses. The project for both areas would be match funded by the District Council.

Cllr Mrs Spencer left the meeting at 8.35pm and Cllr Fitzgerald left the meeting at 8.40pm.

**RESOLVED:**           **to agree in principle; to draw on the monies set aside for this purpose from A11 New Facilities 2005/6**

Cllr Mrs Morrison left the room at 8.45pm and returned at 8.47pm

- d) Letter from Revd Tony Woodward re St Mary's Church Railings

A letter had been received from Revd Tony Woodward regarding the repair and repainting of the railings at St Mary's churchyard. The Amenities Manager told the committee that he estimated the work on the railings would take his team a fortnight to complete, dependant on good weather. With regard to the railings, which had been damaged in a road traffic accident he thought this could be claimed through the church insurance.

**RESOLVED:**           **that further discussion be held with the church authorities to investigate the possibility of an insurance claim regarding the damaged railings following a road traffic accident; to investigate the compromise suggested in the letter; to offer remedial work subject to available finance within the Amenities Budget; to investigate costing of blacksmith to repair damaged railings.**

## 18. Chard in Bloom

The Amenities Manager was hoping to purchase some new tubs for Howards Row.

## 19. Allotments

a) Water Supply

The Amenities Manager reported that the water was still turned off and the meter was being monitored monthly. He suggested that a future solution could be to pipe across the T junction and up into the allotments.

**RESOLVED:**            **to note**

**20. Cemetery**

The Amenities Manager said that he was most grateful for the kind donation of trees and shrubs from Cllr Mrs Wyatt.

**21. Footpaths**

There was nothing to report

**22. Street Cleansing**

Waste Disposal

The Amenities Manager told the committee that until the new waste facility was ready they were still having to unload by hand which was eating into precious time. The big sweeper would be again on Monday 20 March. He was pleased to report that the new footway in Holyrood Street accommodated the small sweeper perfectly.

12.    **RESOLVED:**            **in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw:**

Goalposts at Jocelyn Park

**RESOLVED:**            **to note**

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Amenities Committee of Chard Town Council**  
**held on Tuesday 2 May 2006**

**Present:** His Worship the Mayor Cllr J D Malcolm  
Deputy Mayor Cllr D M Bulmer (Chairman)

Cllrs D R Hill, Mrs C A Morrison, Mrs A Spencer and Mrs S P Wyatt.

Town Clerk, Amenities Manager and Administrative Assistant

**23. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Fitzgerald and Mrs Wickenden.

**24. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**25. Public Participation Time. For this agenda item the council adjourns its business under Standing Orders 15 (g) and 68 to allow residents, employees or business people of Chard to address the meeting on any Amenities matter**

**RESOLVED:** to suspend Standing Orders to allow members of the public to speak.

Mr A Wagstaff, an allotment holder, addressed the committee concerning the water supply at the allotment site. He said that the water had been off since last Autumn and as he did not have a shed he had no means of collecting water. He had recently had to take 12 litres of water to the allotment site to water some new plants. He told the committee that he realised the rent was cheap, but not without water. If there was no water tenants would lose a lot of produce and could the Town Council please do something about this.

**RESOLVED:** to reinstate Standing Orders.

The Town Clerk replied that this situation had been caused by a fracture in the mains pipe resulting in water bill of over £850. The water pipe to the allotment site ran under a road which was now used by HGV's for which it was totally unsuitable. He quoted legislation on allotments, some of which dated back over 100 years however there was no onus on the Town Council to provide water.

He told Mr Wagstaff that he had met with the Chairman of the Allotment Association it was agreed that the medium/long term solution would be to re locate the water meter on to the land leased by the Town Council. In the short to medium term it was hoped to arrange for the water to be on at specific times. He pointed out that in the future there may have to be a charge for water.

He expressed sympathy with the situation but said that he must also safeguard the taxpayers of Chard.

**RESOLVED:** to suspend Standing Orders to allow Mr Wagstaff to reply.

Mr Wagstaff asked that the tap and washer on the tank by plot 40 be repaired.

**RESOLVED:** to re instate Standing Orders; to bring forward item 6.

## 6. Amenities

- b) Update on Henson Play Area – discussion with Adrian Moore Play & Youth Facilities Officer SSDC

Mr Adrian Moore gave the committee some background information regarding the Upper Henson Park Play Project. He said that it was now at the stage to clarify which company the new play equipment would be purchased from. Tenders had been discussed at a recent meeting of the Play and Youth in Chard Working Group with consideration given to safety, design, durability and budget and a decision made as to the preferred contractor.

A vote of thanks was extended to Mr Moore.

**RESOLVED:** to accept the proposal from the Play and Youth in Chard Working Group for purchase and installation of play equipment from Wicksteed Leisure and fencing from Steelway Fensecure. Total cost £33,474 to include match funding from SSDC. 5 votes for and 1 abstention.

- a) Update on MUGA at Lower Henson Park

Mr Moore told the committee that the District Council were not completely satisfied with the reinstatement of the land and the project could not be signed off and paid for until this was rectified.

**RESOLVED:** to delegate to the Town Clerk, Amenities Manager and the Play and Leisure Officer to determine the contractors to re instate the land.

- b) Update on Ashcroft Play Area

Letters had been received regarding the safety of this area following a road accident last year. The contractor appointed for the Upper Henson Park fencing had also quoted for Ashcroft Play Area, this been slightly more than the funds already allocated for this project.

**RESOLVED:** to allocate £1,500 from A11 New Facilities for fencing at Ashcroft Play Area.

- c) New Play Area at Lower Henson – letter from South Somerset Homes

The Town Clerk reported that he had replied to this letter.

**RESOLVED:** to note.

## 26. Budget Update (Previously Circulated)

**RESOLVED:** to note that all Councillors had received and noted the Year to Date Budget.

## **5. Amenities Manager's Report**

The Amenities Manager told the committee that he was pleased to report they had screened the soil at Upper Henson Park and some had been used for filling in holes and making improvements to the "kick" wall. Similar work would need to be done in Jocelyn Park, which would be funded from A6 Play Equipment Repairs. Councillors were asked to approve the sum of £1,632.42 to purchase four large and two small litter bins.

The Team had been busy painting St Mary's Church railings and were told that the job would take a while yet as there were 1,150 spears to be painted.

New litter bins would be needed this year owing to the increased use of the Parks.

The Amenities Manager reported that the old bench in Helliers Road had been replaced and some "Dennings of Chard" manhole covers had kindly been donated by County Highways.

**RESOLVED:** to note the Amenities Manager's Report; to allocate £1,632.42 from A10 Town Amenities for six new litter bins from Wybone.

## **7. Chard in Bloom**

The Amenities Manager was pleased to inform the committee that they would be able use the lamp posts this year. He thanked Cllrs Mrs Shortland and Bulmer for bringing this about. Sustainability would be a key factor for this years competition. South Somerset Homes had very kindly donated £500 towards the flower beds at Dwelly Close.

**RESOLVED:** to note

## **8. Allotments**

Cllr Hill told the committee that Chard 2000 were pleased to run the garden competition and the Allotment Challenge Cup in conjunction with Chard Town Council's entry into Chard in Bloom.

**RESOLVED:** to note

## **8. Cemetery**

Thirty-five plots had been levelled this season. The Town Clerk said that the Amenities staff were to be commended on the condition of the Cemetery.

**RESOLVED:** to note

## **9. Footpaths**

There had been a request for a dog bin at Mintons Orchard footpath and Councillors were agreeable to this.

**RESOLVED:**           **to note**

## **10. Street Cleansing**

Chewing Gum Removal – Raised by Cllr Bulmer

Cllr Bulmer brought to the committee's attention a complaint he had received regarding chewing gum on the pavements in Chard. He told Councillors that the cost of hiring a machine to remove this would be £45 per hour and it would probably be needed for at least two days.

**RESOLVED:**           **not to hire this machine**



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## COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the **Amenities Committee** meeting of Chard Town Council held on  
Tuesday 4 July 2006 in the Town Hall at 7.30pm.

**Present:** His Worship the Mayor Cllr J D Malcolm  
Deputy Mayor Cllr M J Wale

Cllrs D M Bulmer, D R Hill, Mrs C A Morrison, Mrs J L Smith,  
Mrs A Spencer, Mrs R T Wickenden and Mrs S P Wyatt.

Town Clerk, Amenities Manager and Office Manager

### 11. Election of Chairman

Councillor M J Wale proposed and Councillor Mrs R T Wickenden seconded Councillor D M Bulmer for election as Chairman of the Amenities Committee for the ensuing year. There were no other nominations.

RESOLVED - that Councillor D M Bulmer be elected Chairman of the Amenities Committee until the next Annual Council Meeting in 2007.

### 12. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given.

Apologies were given from Cllr P D C Fitzgerald owing to illness

### 13. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest

### 14. Amenities Committee Meeting - Minutes

These minutes had previously been confirmed at the Town Council Meeting in May

### 15. Budget

**RESOLVED:** to note that all Councillors had received and noted the Year to Date Budget

**RESOLVED: to bring forward Agenda item 7a) Letter from Aurthur Roberts Chard Bowling Club re excess water from Bonds Meadow**

- 16. RESOLVED: to ask Wessex Water Authority to investigate this problem; to delegate to the Chairman and Town Clerk any decisions following this investigation and to call an extra Amenities Meeting or take to Town Council as necessary**

**17. Amenities Manager's Report**

The Amenities Manager was pleased to tell the committee that SSDC had donated three old benches, which would be refurbished to be used around the Town.

They had been busy renovating the Lace Walk Benches in time for South West in Bloom; in addition a memorial bench in memory of Mrs Joan Till had been installed at Snowdon Heights with a kind donation from Mr Dennis Till.

The committee were told that there were two new litter bins in the High Street and they would continue to replace and restore as funds allowed.

No problems had been experienced when the circus visited Chard recently and the Amenities Manager said he would have no concerns should they wish to return.

Cllr Wale was pleased to note there had been no trouble with the circus. Cllr Mrs Wickenden requested a dog bin at Lower Henson.

**RESOLVED: to note the Amenities Manager's Report**

**18. Amenities**

b) Request from Jay Millers Circus to hold a circus on Jocelyn Park June 2007

c) Request from John Lawson's Circus to hold a circus on Jocelyn Park in 2007

**RESOLVED: to agree to the visit by Jay Millers Circus in 2007; to refuse the request from John Lawson's Circus for 2007**

d) Update on Play Area at Upper Henson Park and Ashcroft

Councillors were told that the fencing of Ashcroft play area would commence on Thursday 6 July and that Henson Park would probably be started the following Tuesday or Wednesday. It was hoped that the fencing and play equipment would be in place at Upper Henson Park by the start of the school holidays.

**19. Chard in Bloom**

a) Date of judging

The Amenities Manager told Councillors that the judging date had been set for Thursday 6 July. There were over 200 flower baskets up in the Town with 578 flower boxes. Over 6000 bedding plants had been planted and hopefully these

displays along with good work from local gardeners in Chard would go towards the town winning an Award. The Amenities Manager was thanked for his hard work planting and watering the plants every day.

b) Formation of Working Party

**RESOLVED: to agree to the formation of a Working Party for Chard in Bloom; Cllrs Bulmer, Hill, Mrs Smith and Mrs Spencer would be Town Council representatives for this group**

## 20. Allotments

a) Allotment Rents – Notice of Motion (attached)

**RESOLVED: with effect from 1 October 2007 there will be a charge for the allotment rents and a separated charge for water, which will be pro rata in arrears**

b) Update on mains water supply at the allotments

The Town Clerk told the committee that in the short to medium term members of the Allotment Holders Association had taken on responsibility of turning the water on and off daily. A medium to long-term solution would involve considerable cost.

**RESOLVED: to note**

## 21. Cemetery

The Amenities Manager told Councillors that there was quite a problem with subsidence below the old mortuary building. It would be necessary to make some repairs in order to make the building safe.

Cllr Morrision said this would need to be budgeted for next year and requested a costing for repair and demolition of the building.

**RESOLVED: to note**

## 22. Footpaths

Proposed path at Essex Close Chard – letter from SSDC

Councillors agreed to this in principle provided the fencing was replaced.

**RESOLVED: to delegate this to the Town Clerk**

## 23. Street Cleansing

Refuse

The Amenities Manager told the committee that the Amenities Team worked closely with South Somerset District Council and South Somerset Homes regarding refuse

and household waste however there seemed to be some confusion about the collection of refuse within the Town. He hoped that a meeting with senior officers from the District Council refuse department could be organised to address these concerns.

**RESOLVED: to note**

**24. Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2006 at 7.30pm

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 9.20pm



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**Present:** Cllrs D M Bulmer (Chairman), D R Hill, Mrs C A Morrison, Mrs A Spencer and M J Wale

**In Attendance:** Mr J Furze (Town Clerk) Mr A Hensher (Amenities Manager) and Ms S Pittwood (Office Manager)

### 25. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Wickenden who was unwell, Cllr Mrs Wyatt who was attending a surprise birthday party and Cllr Malcolm who was attending employment tribunal at Exeter.

### 26. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Orchard as an observer at the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** to bring forward Agenda item 6d

**Amenities** Bampton Avenue Play Area – raised by Cllr D M Bulmer

Cllr Bulmer raised concerns over the play area at Bampton Avenue saying that the play equipment was in a bad condition and the fence broken. There were suggestions that the play equipment should be removed and Cllr Mrs Spencer suggested that the ground be turned into a wildlife area. The Town Clerk reported that he would be visiting all the play sites in Chard with a District Council Officer on 15 November 2006.

**RESOLVED:** to note this meeting and to await the report at the next Amenities Meeting.

### 27. Budget Update

**RESOLVED:** to note that all Councillors had received and noted the Year to Date Budget

## 28. Proposed Amenities Budget for 2007/8

Cllr Wale thanked the Amenities Manager for keeping to the current years budget.

**RESOLVED: to agree to the proposed budget for 2007/8 and to take it forward to the Finance, Licensing and Personnel Committee.**

## 29. Amenities Manager's Report

The Amenities Manager told the committee that he was pleased to report that a refurbished bench had been installed at Crimchard. He was afraid that the benches around the Stringfellow plane would need replacing and he asked the committee that he be allowed to use the remaining Town Amenities budget to purchase new ends at a cost of £630.

Two of the "Welcome to Chard" signs had been brought in for repainting. He reported that owing to the increased workload during the summer the painting of St Mary's Church Railings had not been completed however they would endeavour to do the work as time and weather allowed.

Councillors were told that they were still having to unload black sacks by hand at the recycling site which added to the time and expense of street cleansing along with litter bins being filled daily with household refuse.

**RESOLVED: to note the Amenities Manager's Report; to agree to the purchase of bench ends at a cost of £630.**

## 30. Amenities

- a) Bus Shelters – raised by Cllr D R Hill

Discussion took place regarding the cleansing and maintenance of the bus shelters in Boden Street

**RESOLVED: to devolve to the Town Clerk to deal with.**

- b) Annual Playground Inspection – Offer from SSDC

**RESOLVED: to accept the offer from South Somerset District Council at a cost of £37.50 per play area.**

- c) Request from Marshall Herbert to hold a Spring Fair in May 2007 and Carnival Week 2007

**RESOLVED: to agree to Mr Herbert's request to hold a Spring Fair in May 2007 and a Carnival Fair in October 2007.**

- e) Letter from the Secretary of Chard United Football Club – copy attached

**RESOLVED: the Town Clerk will reply advising them to apply to the Football Foundation for grant funding**

### **31. Chard in Bloom**

- c) Results of South West in Bloom 2006 & entry into South West in Bloom 2007

The Amenities Manager thanked Councillors for their support in this year's competition in which Chard gained a Silver Gilt Award. He hoped that the town would be entering again next year. He told councillors that he would like to create a sustainable bed in Jocelyn Park, funding would be needed for the purchase of some trees. The current beds had been filled with narcissi ready for the Spring and yellow and blue pansies would be planted shortly.

Cllr Hill thanked the Amenities Manager and his team for maintaining the standard of previous years. The Office Manager was also thanked for her administrative support and production of the Chard in Bloom portfolio.

**RESOLVED: to enter the South West in Bloom competition for 2007.**

- d) Working Party – update on progress

The Office Manager reported that to date, despite and appeal in the local press, no volunteers had come forward for the Chard in Bloom Working Party.

**RESOLVED: to approach the press again for publicity.**

### **32. Allotments**

- a) Report of Annual Meeting of Allotment Holders and Discussion of Matters Arising

There had been ten allotment holders present at the meeting. Several questions were raised as to the charge for the water, which would come into effect from 1 October 2007. Concerns were raised that those who did not use the water would still have to pay this charge. There was a suggestion that the water be turned off in October and put back again in March. It was reported that some allotment holders were parking their cars in the pathway whilst working on their plots, thus blocking the way for other allotment holders.

**RESOLVED: to note**

### **33. Footpaths**

- a) Review of Footpath Maintenance Contract with SSDC

**RESOLVED: to defer this item until the next meeting in January 2007.**

### **34. Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2007

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.