

# **WARFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

Held **virtually** on **Thursday 8 April 2021** at **7.45pm**

**Members present:** Cllrs Dr Barnard, Mrs Collings, Ms Dulieu, Mrs Gill, Ms K Jones and Ms Thorin

**Other attendees:** Parish Clerk, Cllr McCracken and five members of the public

### **001. Public participation**

Thanks were expressed for the efforts of plotheholders in landscaping around the allotment building.

### **002. Apologies for absence**

No apologies for absence were due.

### **003. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Dr Barnard declared an interest as the ward councillor for Warfield Harvest Ride on Bracknell Forest Council.

### **004. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of 11 February 2021 were circulated to members ahead of the meeting. Cllr Mrs Gill proposed approval of the minutes, and this was seconded by Cllr Ms Dulieu. The minutes were APPROVED by members present.

### **005. Matters arising from the previous meeting**

There were no matters arising.

### **006. User Update**

A report was circulated to members ahead of the meeting providing a user update and an assessment of the likely financial impact of COVID. Members were advised that Whitegrove Community Centre would be used as a polling station in the upcoming elections.

The Clerk provided an update on the allotment waiting list.

The report was noted by members.

### **007. Maintenance, caretaking, and ongoing projects report**

The maintenance and caretaking report was circulated to members ahead of the meeting.

Members accepted the recommendation of the Clerk to remove the play equipment at Brownlow Hall as its condition had deteriorated. Some of the equipment could be reused and would be stored until that time.

Members noted the report.

#### **008. Provision of lockers**

Members discussed the proposal to supply lockers to the allotment storage shed and hire them on a rental basis.

Cllr Dr Barnard proposed installing 30 lockers as set out in the supporting document. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Gill. A vote was taken and was a tied result. Cllr Dr Barnard used his casting vote in favour of the proposal.

Members discussed the rate to be charged.

Cllr Ms Dulieu proposed a rate of £20 per annum, seconded by Cllr Ms K Jones. A vote was taken and was a tied result. Cllr Dr Barnard used his casting vote and voted to reject the proposal.

Cllr Ms Dulieu proposed a rate of £15 per annum, but the motion was not supported.

Cllr Mr Thorin proposed a rate of £12 per annum, seconded by Cllr Ms Thorin. Members present voted 5-1 to APPROVE the motion.

Th Clerk was asked to bring forward a report to the next meeting on the final cost and that future charges would be decided during the budget round.

#### **009. Environmental Plans Working Group**

A meeting as part of the consultative process had taken place with members of the council. Further sessions would be held with residents and local organisations.

#### **010. Date of the next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was set for Tuesday 15 June 2021.

#### **011. Closure of the meeting**

The meeting was closed at 9.07pm