

**CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES AND  
ECONOMIC REGENERATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY 2 MAY 2017  
COMMENCING AT 7.35 PM**

Present: Cllr M Brennan - Chairman

Cllr Mrs D Bulley  
Cllr R Crapper  
Cllr Mrs C Delaney  
Cllr Mrs L Little  
Cllr M McBride

Officers: Ron Spurs, Town Clerk  
Teresa Whitford, Admin

Apologies: Cllr R Brooks, Cllr N Leverton, Cllr Mrs M Mead  
Cllr D Melvin, Cllr Mrs S Scott-Stovold and Cllr Mrs C Wilson

In Attendance: Mr D Wesson

27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

28 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 February 2017, copies of which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

29 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

The member of the public present did not raise any matters.

30 AMENITIES ISSUES – REPORT BY THE TOWN CLERK

a) Summer Planting for Princess Diana Flower Bed - The provision of flowers for the Princess Diana bed in Brize Norton Road is outside of the contract between CTC and UBICO. The cost of providing the bedding and raising the sides of the bed is:

Flowers	£644
To raise bed	£39.20
TOTAL	£683.30 plus VAT

Cllr Mrs Little requested that UBICO be challenged on the charge for raising the bed as they did not raise it high enough when they refurbished it last year so she felt they should bear this cost. It was agreed a strong, colourful display was needed here as it is a main route to the town centre.

It was RESOLVED to RECOMMEND the purchase of summer bedding for the Princess Diana Flower bed.

b) Refurbishment of Pampas Close Playground – Pampas Close playground has been highlighted as ‘High Risk’ on the latest RoSPA Report dated December 2016. It is now the oldest playground in Carterton and is looking very shabby. Councillors were asked to examine the three examples of equipment and surfacing obtained from suppliers. It was agreed that the equipment should be aimed at the 1-7yr age range as the playground has a history of complaints regarding youths gathering and causing problems for the residents.

Cllr Mrs Little asked if any funding had been sought for the project as she was keen for the Council to be seen as pro-active in this area. She felt that there would be a good case for military funding due to the location of the playground, as there are many military families living in the vicinity.

It was agreed that the equipment as illustrated by Sutcliffe Play along with a bark surface would be best for this refurbishment.

Cllr Mrs Delaney raised the issue of the use of the grass area within the playground and the Clerk agreed to canvas local residents as to how its use could be improved.

It was RESOLVED to RECOMMEND three quotes be sought for equipment of the type illustrated by Sutcliffe Play with a bark surface.

c) Asbestos Survey – The Quinquennial Survey carried out in 2012 highlighted the need for the Council to have an Asbestos Register for all its properties. Three quotes were presented to Councillors at the last meeting of the Amenities and Economic Regeneration Committee, but the Committee had asked that further quotes be sought from local companies. Two more quotes were obtained but they were not competitive.

It was RESOLVED to RECOMMEND the company Asbestos Consultants to supply an Asbestos Register.

31 ARRГ Playground Maintenance Update – Verbal report by the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk received an email from Officer Teresa Whitford on 20 April stating that the playground inspector had called into the Town Hall to report an accident at ARRГ involving the matting under the take off point for the Zip Wire. The matting had been highlighted as a trip hazard over the last year, but was now at a point that the inspector was prepared to close the equipment down. A quote had already been obtained from EJ Services by the Officer in preparation for the next Amenities and Economic Regeneration Meeting, but she requested it now be processed as urgent.

The Town Clerk held an Urgency Committee meeting via email with Cllr Mrs Little, Cllr Crapper, Cllr Scott and Cllr Brennan to obtain permission to proceed with the work at a cost of £2,350 plus VAT, which was formally granted.

The meeting ended at 8.10pm

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Chairman