

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON**  
**TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016, AT 6PM**

**Present:** - Councillors M. Sztymiak (Chairman), Miss K. Brennan, Mrs P. Clatworthy, Mrs C. Danter, S. Raywood and A. Smith

**Also in attendance:** - Councillor Mrs H. Burns; Mr A. Purkiss (item 7) and Mr A. Snarey (item 11)

**1. Apologies**

Councillors J. Badham and M. Poxon

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Name	Interest
Councillor M. Sztymiak	Borough & County Councillor

**3. Dispensations**

None

**4. Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015**

**RESOLVED:** - that the minutes be agreed as a correct record

**5. Work Programme**

**RESOLVED:** - that the Work Programme be noted

**6. Risk Report**

**RESOLVED:** - that the report be noted

**7. Management of Domestic Bins – Town Centre**

Mr Alan Purkiss gave a presentation on the challenges of managing wheelie bins in an historic town.

After discussion it was agreed to

**RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL:** - that

- i. The Town Council acknowledges there is a problem with wheelie bins that needs addressing here in Tewkesbury.
- ii. Tewkesbury Borough Council is asked to recognise the problem and examine mitigation measures that it might adopt.
- iii. The Town Council representatives on Tewkesbury Regeneration Partnership pursue the request within the partnership.

**8. Inventory**

**RESOLVED:** - that the ongoing work be noted

**9. Play Areas Updates**

**RESOLVED:** - that

**i. Safety Checks**

The safety checks be noted

**ii. Canterbury Leys**

The progress on terminating the lease be noted

**iii. Warwick Place**

It be noted the bid for the development of the play area has been included in the draft budget to be considered at Council on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016

**iv. Mitton**

The Town Clerk consults with the management group to identify the timetable to deliver the works

**v. Derek Graham**

**a. Severn Trent**

The Town Clerk pursues Severn Trent to get a full reply on the repairs to the play area

**b. Play Equipment**

The proposal to deliver the health & safety improvements be agreed (detailed in item 15ii)

**10. Toilets Update**

**i. Gloucester Road**

Locks were now on all toilets and planting was being organised

**ii. Spring Gardens**

Work to repair the roof is still being pursued

**11. Sewage – Question from Mr Alan Snarey**

The Town Clerk reported that he had forwarded Mr Snarey's question to Severn Trent but so far no answer had been received

**RESOLVED:** - the

- i. The Town Clerk be instructed to pursue Severn Trent for a full reply

**12. Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Councillor Raywood updated the Committee on the progress of the NDP. Questionnaire returns were still coming in and once completed a report would be brought to the Committee

**RESOLVED:** - that the position be noted

**13. Bus Stops**

**RESOLVED:** - that

- i. The request from GCC to adopt the following 4 bus shelters be agreed
  - a. Ashchurch Road, Morrisons
  - b. Gloucester Road, opposite TBC offices
  - c. Sun Street, outside Roses
  - d. Outside entrance to Tewkesbury Hospital
- ii. The design of the shelters be circulated to the committee
- iii. The bus shelters be added to the Council's insurance policy and included in the future maintenance programme
- iv. The impact of moving the bus stop to Sun Street be reported back after 3 months to monitor improvements
- v. The request regarding the bus stops around Wheatpieces estate be deferred for a more detailed report on their location

**14. Sandbags Policy**

**RESOLVED:** - that

- i. The three pea gravel distribution points be checked to make sure they are working and that keys are available

- ii. Polythene rolls be purchased to distribute with sandbags, should the need arise

**15. Budget Position**

**RESOLVED:** - that

- i. the budget position be noted

**RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL**

- ii. that up to £4,000 be vired from the following budgets
  - a. Mitton (£1,500)
  - b. Priors Park (£1,000)
  - c. Street furniture (£1,500)

to deliver the health and safety work, to refurbish the play equipment, at Derek Graham

- iii. The Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and ward Councillors agree the programme of works
- iv. That 'Playdale' and 'Monster' be agreed as the specialist providers as they are the original manufacturers of the equipment

The meeting ended at 7.35pm