

**Tuesday 08/06/2021**

**Amenities Committee Working Group**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**Present at the Meeting were;**

Cllr Phil Griffiths (Chair)

Cllr Caroline Ashton

Cllr Ryan McKeown

Cllr Bernie Wade

Cllr Helen Hayes

Cllr Bill Stockton

Cllr Pauline Lowrie

Cllr Mark Nield (Non committee Member)

4 Members of the Public

**Apologies received from;**

Cllr Lucy Sumner

Cllr Helen Hayes

**Actions Raised;**

**Declarations of Interest**

**Requests to Speak**

*Member of the public wished to speak regarding the memorial gates and issues of anti-social behaviour around this area, they discussed the issues seemingly are raised by only one member of the public and should we be responding to the complaints of just one resident.*

*Ship Street Play Area – a request for councillors to reflect on the length of time that the appraisal of GG has been under way, this has been underway since 2019 and follows the consultation many years ago to close the park. Residents elect us as councillors to make these decisions and make them quickly and move to act on them*

**Grounds Maintenance**

Noted the existing work in place from Cllr Ashton and Cllr Hayes

CA discussed that we need to consider the costs involved in and capital costs will reduce over the 3 year period with a 6 year break even point

**Action was for all members to go away and study the detail of the cost benefit appraisal**

### Ship Street Appraisal Working Group

As a working group it has been proposed now the 6 month working deadline has lapsed to change the options from 5 original proposals to 2

- To reinstate the land as a park
- To sell the land for development

Action – To ascertain if the GGWG can look to access funding sources perhaps not available to FTC and provide a play area for the children of the Waterside Ward

- To go forward with just one proposal – to reinstate GG as a play area for our children
- FTC to continue with Grass Cutting and Maintenance of the land
- Establish the legality of whether the Green Gates Group can access funds for a piece of land they don't own
- How do we reinstate now it has been decommissioned
- To allow the Working Group to apply for Wind Farm Funding Grants
- The working group to make the recommendation to full council to proceed with Ship Street as a Playarea

### Bench / Memorial Path Working Group

- Areas for benches have been shared – 2 have been removed on advice from the police due to increased anti-social behaviour
- Topographical survey is underway regarding the memorial path proposals and following that the quotes will be received, other quotes are due hopefully by the end of the week

### Crowmere Lake – Request for use of land

To resolve to keep the situation regarding parking and volume of cars under review

To Reply to be careful of parking in the local area and the impact on local residents

### Townfield Lane grass cutting

CA to make a complaint about quality of the grass cutting and not the standard we expect – this is to go through the TC

### Close of meeting – Date of next meeting