



# Coleford Town Council

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## Amenities Committee Tuesday 14 July 2020 Minutes

**Attendees:** Cllrs Penny, Holloway, Simister & M Cox

**Public** Mr & Mrs Madley, Mrs A Phelps, Ms M Getgood, & Ms E Murrall

1. Apologies were noted from Cllrs Kay & Lusty
2. Cllr Holloway declared a personal interest in item 15
3. There were no dispensation requests

4. To take comment for the public

The Chair invited comment from the public

Mr Madley gave a brief summary of the Bale Memorial Ground situation and that they hoped for Town Council involvement to move the trust forward in maintaining the site. He explained that the play area remained closed due to the unsafe matting

Ms Murrall said the priority in the short term was to get the football pitches open to the public but in the long term to get community involvement to revitalise the Trust and the play area,

Ms Getgood explained that she would welcome working with the Committee and in the long term was look to creating a link with the nearby Worcester Walk project.

The Chair explained that all these views would be taken into account when the Council discussed the actions they could take to help the Memorial Trust.

5. The minutes of 10 March 2020 were noted

It was requested that the mapping technology company for the cemetery was investigated for the next meeting

### **6. To have an update on the phone boxes**

The Clerk reported that work was progressing at Tufthorn Avenue phone box allocated for a defibrillator as Western Power would be visiting the site on 3 August 20 to do the necessary work. The decommissioning of the 2 phone boxes was underway but would still be a few weeks

### **7. To make recommendation re the BT phone box consultation**

#### **Recommendation**

That the phone box in Tufthorn Avenue is not closed due the demographic of the area and the increase in housing which was underway

### **8. To have an update on the Mushet Walk lighting**

#### **Recommendation**

That the contractor is requested to fit the 32 amp lights in Mushet Walk

### **9. To have an update on the Spirit of the Forest**

The Clerk reported that she had contacted the contractor but was awaiting a response

### **10. To have an update on the King George V Recreation ground (KGV) improvements**

The Clerk reported that most works had been completed and the contractor was still to clean the outside of building

### **11. To make a recommendation re the cost of hire for the KGV during the pandemic**

#### **Recommendation**

That long term users are given a contract for the hire of the field for 3 months after which the situation would be reviewed

Short term users would be charged for just the field

**12. To make recommendation re the request for a tree to be cut back at the cemetery**

The Clerk reported that a recent burial in the old part of the cemetery the grave was under an Irish Yew with low branches making it difficult for the family to tend the grave (Section B RR20)

**Recommendation**

That the lower branches are removed from the tree.

**13. To have an update on the new footpaths at the Foxglove way play area**

The Clerk reported that the works would be completed in the next few weeks

**14. To make recommendation re the parking on the grass at the Angel Vale Estate**

**Recommendation**

That a map is created of the trouble spots on the estate and a cost effective solution is sought

**In Committee**

**15 To have an update on the Bale Memorial Ground**

**Recommendation**

That the Clerks report is agreed

**16 To make recommendation re the lease review of 4 Lords Hill Coleford**

This item was deferred to Finance & Office Committee