

AXMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES WORKING PARTY HELD ON 10TH MARCH 2020
AT 11.00 a.m. AT AXMINSTER GUILDHALL**

1. PRESENT: Cllr. J.W. Walden, (Chairman), Cllr. Adamson-Drage, Cllr. A.G. Sedgewick, Cllr. M.D.G. Spurway and the Town Clerk. Also present D. Cook and J. Buckley from East Devon District Council.

No members of the public.

2. APOLOGIES: Cllr. Cllr. A.E. Bourner, D.R.H. Hull, Cllr. M.Mynard.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

CLLR. WALDEN DECLARED A PERSONAL INTEREST AS BEING A MEMBER OF THE SKATE PARK STEERING GROUP.

CLLR. SPURWAY DECLARED A PERSONAL INTEREST AS BEING A MEMBER OF THE CLOAKHAM LAWN SPORTS CLUB COMMITTEE

4. PUBLIC FORUM: None.

5. SECTION 106 MATTERS:

- a. Proposed Fun Track Trail – this had been allocated £5000 and the site proposed was the Millwey Rise Play Area. Consideration is being given to upgrading and extending this Play Area by taking in some of the surrounding land which is not being used productively and the Fun Track could be incorporated as part of that exercise. It may be that planning permission is required. Ms. Buckley cautioned that the funding allocated for the fun track had to be expended by 2020. Alternative sites to be considered are the North Street playing field and sites within the Cloakham Lawns Sports Centre.
- b. Climbing Wall at Raymonds Hill - this had been allocated £,15,000. The site originally proposed by Cllr. Walden had been Cloakham Lawns. Cllr Walden the original project proposer, has agreed that it be Raymonds Hill instead and this has been approved by the Town Council. The Town Council would lease a piece of land near the ice cream shop in Cooks Lane, for a minimum period of ten years for a peppercorn rent and turn it into a full but simple play area aimed at younger children. The climbing wall would be provided as part of this new play area. Initial investigations have been started and public consultation will be undertaken.
- c. Skate Park at Cloakham Lawns – this had been allocated £150,000. Lack of match-funding and various other issues make it unlikely that this will be located at Cloakham. An alternative option being investigated is to locate it on the former Millwey Rise Football Field, on land owned by the District Council and with funding input from them. The time limit on spending of the funds needs to be borne in mind.
- d. Bowling Green Surface at Cloakham – this had been allocated £50,000 and had been completed.
- e. Improvements to the Netball Courts at Axe Valley Academy – this had been allocated £7000. The work had been started but was not yet completed.

6. MATTERS OF URGENCY: None.

SignedDate