

Amenities Committee Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October, 2007 at 7.34pm

Members Present: Cllr Mrs K Redknapp Chairman

Cllr Mrs V Bell	Cllr Mrs J House
Cllr J Crow	Cllr I Maddock.
Cllr R Dudman	Cllr Mrs S Smith
Cllr M Dyer	

In attendance: Mrs Ann Jacobs Parish Clerk

272. Declarations of Interest – Cllr Crow declared a prejudicial interest in item 10 on the agenda and left for the discussion and vote on this item.

273. Apologies for absence: Cllr Mrs Warman

274. Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 5th September, 2007, pages 36 & 37, were confirmed as a correct record and signed. Proposed by Cllr Mrs House, seconded by Cllr Crow.

275. Matters arising from the Minutes:

1. M.212 - Replacement nets have arrived and will be put in place when the goals are next moved.
2. M.213 – Aerial slide structural check has been booked and will take place within the next 2 weeks.
3. M.215 – Seat has been completed in the Hospital bus shelter.
4. M. 218 – An email has been sent to DCC confirming acceptance of the conditions for the 30mph signs for Struan Gardens and Ashley Park.

276. Correspondence: None

277. Jubilee Copse: Brian Kliger is chasing up the rangers at Moors Valley, but so far no further news on the management plan.

278. Horton Road

Usage by other groups for leisure activities – Cllr Mrs Redknapp reported. Prior to a recent meeting a football team was seen playing at Horton Road. The team had brought their own goals and nets to the site. Contact details were obtained and the team asked to spread out their parking as they all seemed to have parked in Ashley Park which could lead to complaints. This was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the group and ask if they had plans for playing at the site next season. If the area is to be used regularly a donation towards maintenance costs would be requested, it will also be made clear that local youngsters should have priority on usage.

279. Braeside Road and Play Park Area –

- a. EDDC Playground Inspection Report. Noted. Quotations to cut back the laurel hedge will be obtained.
- b. The Clerk reported graffiti on the basketball area, this has been blacked out and the court painted on. There is some more graffiti on some of the wooden equipment which will require sanding off.

280. Play Park Refurbishment –

The agreement has now been finalised. Orders for equipment have been placed. The publicity plan for the opening was discussed it was agreed that the Clerk will liaise with Cllr Mrs Smith and Cllr Mrs House to formulate a plan.

281. Budget planning – Further suggestions from Members were received. A draft budget will be circulated prior to the next meeting.

282. Bus Shelter St Leonards Hospital – It was proposed to retrospectively approve costs of the urgent roof repair of £150. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Redknapp, seconded Cllr Mrs Smith.

RESOLVED: To accept the cost of £150 for the urgent roof repair to the St Leonards Hospital bus shelter.

283. Letter from St Ives First School Association – A letter requesting support for consideration of a cycle lane on Sandy Lane was discussed. It was agreed that the matter should be referred to full Council for discussion

284. Exchange of Information:

1. Next meeting scheduled for 7th November, 2007
2. Min 219.4 Matters for Exchange – this was discussed. This heading is primarily for matters delegated to this Committee or to inform Members of any matter if it is of extreme urgency. Any other item should be put in writing to the Clerk to go on the next agenda of the appropriate Committee or full Council.
3. Cllr Dudman reported information concerning changes in the responsibility for costs to repair, or unblock, lateral drains. Changes are being proposed in a Government White Paper, which suggest that Water and sewerage charges will be increased to meet these repairs. Once confirmed this will be included in a Parish Newsletter.

The meeting ended at 8.08pm

Chairman