

Amenities Committee Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held on 5th December, 2007 at 7.30pm

Members Present: Cllr Mrs K Redknapp Chairman

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

In attendance: Mrs Ann Jacobs Parish Clerk

397. Declarations of Interest – Cllr Mrs House declared a possible Personal and prejudicial interest in item 8 (b) if a financial decision was being reached.

398. Apologies for absence: None

399. Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held 7th November, 2007 (page 59) were confirmed as a correct record and signed. Proposed by Cllr Mrs House, seconded by Cllr Mrs Bell.

400. Matters arising from the Minutes: None

401. Correspondence:

1. Notification of street naming development at 36 Bushmead Drive – plot 1 102A Lions Lane; plot 2, 36A Bushmead Drive and plot 3 36 Bushmead Drive. Noted.

402. Jubilee Copse: The Clerk reported that 4 residents attended the work day on 15th November 2007 and at least four large truck loads of invasive species were removed. Thanks have been sent to the Moors Valley Rangers. Another work day is to be arranged for the Spring in the meantime the Clerk will be requesting our usual contractor to target these same species when carrying out his usual maintenance programme. Erection of bird and bat boxes are being dealt with by the Rangers. Noted.

403. Horton Road – The contractor has confirmed that the ditch is now clear; goals moved; pitch marked and new nets erected.

404. Braeside Road and Play Park Area –

- a. EDDC Playground Inspection Report. A complaint has been received concerning the playground contractor and EDDC officer. This has been handed to the contractor to investigate. The clerk will acknowledge the content. Noted.
- b. Fencing – The Clerk circulated a report on replacement fencing. The various options were discussed. It was agreed that an accurate quotation will be obtained for the third option which is for a metal frame and posts with half rounds bolted on. The estimate for this is in the region of £4500. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Warman, seconded by Cllr Mrs Smith (vote is recorded as 5 plus Chairman in favour).
RESOLVED: To obtain accurate quotations for a metal frame fence to put as a recommendation to full Council.
- c. Play Park Refurbishment – The Clerk reported that the older zone is due to be finished on Friday and provided it passes the inspection this section will be open for the weekend. The younger zone is due to be finished next week.

405. Review of Contracts: The Clerk reported that these had not been reviewed for some time. Members asked for confirmation of the quality of the existing contractors work. The Clerk reported that this had been most satisfactory especially in responding to urgent unforeseen problems and issues when they had always been extremely prompt and efficient. Members agreed, unanimously, that in the circumstances a request to tender was not necessary. An annual review will be diarised. Proposed by Cllr Dudman, seconded by Cllr Dyer
RESOLVED: Not to go out to tender on existing maintenance contract on this occasion.

406. Exchange of Information:

1. Next meeting scheduled for 6th February, 2007

The meeting ended at 7.50pm

Chairman