

Amenities Committee Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held on 6th February, 2008 at 7.30pm

Members Present: Cllr Mrs S Smith Vice Chairman

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

In attendance: Mrs Ann Jacobs Parish Clerk

475. Declarations of Interest –None.

476. Apologies for absence: Cllr J Crow and Cllr Mrs K Redknapp

477. Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 5th December, 2007 (page 67) were confirmed as a correct record and signed. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Bell, seconded by Cllr Mrs House.

478. Matters arising from the Minutes: None

479. Correspondence:

1. Naming notification for development at Henandar & Lotus, new name Castleman Gardens. Noted.
2. Change of name notification for 1 Beech Lane, now to be known as Fernlea, 1 Beech Lane. Noted.
3. Free play seminar February 20th at Yeovil. Noted.

480. Jubilee Copse: The Clerk is arranging another work day with the Moors Valley Rangers.

481. Horton Road – The Clerk reported a request from the Youth Club to use the Horton Road pitch for a charity football match in March/April time. This was discussed and agreed. Proposed by Cllr Maddock, seconded by Cllr Mrs House.

RESOLVED: To allow the use of the Horton Road pitch by the Youth Club for a charity football match. No charge.

The Clerk was instructed to purchase nets for the goals at a cost of £33, due to these having been stolen twice they will be kept by the Youth Club. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Warman, seconded by Cllr Mrs House.

RESOLVED: To purchase replacement nets at a cost of £33 to be kept securely at the Youth Club.

482. Braeside Road and Play Park Area –

a. EDDC Playground Inspection Report – The contents of the report were noted.

b. Play park other requirements

- i) Fencing – The Clerk reported that on meeting with the contractor selected to install the fencing another supplier was suggested. The Clerk has obtained a quotation which shows a saving of £850.00 could be obtained. The fencing is still to BS EN1176 and is of the similar steel frame and wooden pales. This was discussed. It was agreed unanimously that the Clerk should place the order with this alternative company. Proposed by Cllr Dyer, seconded by Cllr Maddock.

RESOLVED: To purchase the replacement fencing from Steelway Fensecure Limited.

- ii) Aerial Slide – The independent inspector recommends that as the slide is structurally sound and expected to last at least another 5 years, a new cable and springs are purchased to complete the refurbishment of this item and to maintain a low risk rating. An accurate quotation has been requested but initial inquiries indicated approximately £600.

- iii) The Clerk reported that further landscaping and signs will be needed for the opening.

- iv) Bins – It was agreed that 2 new litter bins will be purchased at a cost of £207 each.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs House, seconded by Cllr Mrs Bell.

RESOLVED: To purchase 2 new steel litter bins at a cost of £207 to supply and install.

- c. Play Park Opening Ceremony – This was discussed. It was agreed that a weekend day end March early April should be arranged. It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Smith would be delegated to oversee the planning and arrangements.

483. Clean Neighbourhoods Act –

The Clerk reported the Government's additional financial provision for Districts to meet the requirement of the Act. The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from EDDC asking if the Council would consider buying into a service contract to provide enforcement for dog fouling legislation. The cost is estimate in the region of £15 per hour. This was discussed it was agreed that the matter should be put to full Council for a decision. Hours would have to be guaranteed with variable visiting times. A sum of £500 has been allocated in the budget. This was discussed. A more realistic sum would be £1600. **Refer to full Council**

484. Dog Issues – The Clerk reported receipt of a complaint concerning Dog faeces at the Braeside Road Recreation Ground in early January. The Clerk has responded to the resident and is currently carrying out a daily check on the play area and goal mouth. A record of this check is being kept. Action is urgently needed on enforcement. It was noted that several responsible dog owners were monitoring and clearing up after others.

485. Exchange of Information:

1. Next meeting scheduled for 5th March 2008

The meeting ended at 8.02pm

Chairman