

Amenities Committee Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd April , 2008, at 7.30pm

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. Mr M Dyer		

In attendance: Mrs Ann Jacobs Parish Clerk

592. Declarations of Interest –None.

593. Apologies for absence: Cllr Mrs A Warman

594. Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 5th March, 2008 (page 93) were confirmed as a correct record and signed. Proposed by Cllr R Dudman, seconded by Cllr Mrs J House.

595. Matters arising from the Minutes: None

596. Correspondence: Noted.

597. Jubilee Copse: The newsletter has generated a couple more volunteers to assist on work days. Mr Kliger is in discussion with the Rangers concerning assistance.

598. Horton Road –

- a) The Clerk will look at sorting out the planting with Terrafirma.
- b) A complaint of dog fouling was reported by Cllr Mrs K Redknapp. The complainant has been informed about the Council's resolution to buy in to the Dog Enforcement Scheme offered by EDDC. Cllr Mrs Redknapp also reported that the PACT group were looking at this issue. Cllr M Dyer reported that this is also an issue on the Heaths where consideration is being given to asking volunteers to report on offenders.

599. Braeside Road and Play Park Area –

- a. EDDC Playground Inspection Report – The contents of the report were noted.
- b. Play Park Opening Ceremony – The Clerk confirmed the arrangements and circulated a copy of the programme. This was discussed. Cllr Mrs Smith, Cllr Mrs House and the Clerk will meet on Monday 10th to discuss the final arrangements. The Committee Room has been booked for refreshments if required. Invitations will be sent to local children's groups and organisations.

600. Exchange of Information:

1. Next meeting scheduled for 2nd April, 2008
2. Cllr R Dudman reported that EDDC were currently formulating a Child Protection Policy. He requested that the Parish should also formulate and adopt a similar policy. The Clerk will seek advice and put a proposal to the next meeting which should cover, contractors, staff and Councillors.
3. The Chairman reported a complaint concerning an unsupervised group of children in the play area, swearing and throwing stones. Whilst the Police were called they did not do so for sometime. A report to the Safer Communities Team has been sent. A sign indicating what to do in the event of an emergency is needed urgently. The Clerk will arrange.

The meeting ended at 8pm

Chairman