

Amenities Committee Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held on 4th February, 2009 at 7.30pm

Members Present: Chairman Cllr Mrs Smith

Cllr Mrs V Bell

Cllr J Crow

Cllr M Dyer

Cllr R Bryan

Cllr R Dudman

Cllr Mrs J House

In attendance: Mrs Ann Jacobs Parish Clerk

Open Forum: None

401. Declarations of Interest –None.

402. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from: Cllr I Maddock and Cllr Mrs A Warman.

403. Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 3rd December, 2008 page 60, were confirmed as a correct record and signed. Proposed by Cllr Mrs V Bell, seconded by Cllr M Dyer.

404. Matters arising from the Minutes:

1. Min 241.1 Cllr R Bryan reported that it would be at least another month before laying shingle at Horton Road due to the bad weather.

405. Correspondence: None

406. Horton Road:-

Footpath 19 access onto Horton Road – The entry point has deteriorated due to the weather. The Clerk has spoken to Terrafirma who have suggested some form of hogging should be used to form a ramp. This was discussed. It was agreed, unanimously, that the Clerk will consult with Cllr Crow and Cllr Mrs Smith who are delegated by the Committee to authorise the work. It was suggested that some form of bonding agent is necessary to hold the hogging together.

Resolved: The Clerk will obtain prices and instruct the work subject to sanction by Cllr Crow and Cllr Mrs Smith.

407. Braeside Road and Play Park Area –

- i) To receive the report from EDDC. This was noted.
- ii) The Contract for the monthly operational check on the play area was discussed. Two companies had tendered. These were discussed. It was agreed that the quotation from SAS Playgrounds will be accepted for the monthly check. The annual check will be requested from The Play Inspection Company. Proposed by Cllr J Crow, seconded by Cllr R Dudman.

Resolved: To accept the quotation from SAS Playgrounds for the monthly operational checks of the play park.

Resolved: To accept the quotation from The Play Inspection Company for the Annual inspection of the play park.

- iii) Raking of park – The weekly cost for carrying out the raking of the park was reviewed. It was noted that there had been no increase for over 5 years. It was agreed that the rate should increase to £10 per week. Proposed by Cllr Dyer, seconded by Cllr Mrs J House.

Resolved: To increase the weekly rate to £10 per week.

408. Rights of Way Report: The Council received the report from the volunteer Rights of Way Officers. The Clerk was instructed to write a letter of thanks for their hard work and efforts in this respect.

409. Dog Warden Report: The Council received the report from the Dog Warden. The Clerk will thank the EDDC officer for the detailed report.

410. Request to amend directional sign: A verbal request has been received from the Scouts to include "Scouts & Guides HQ" on the large blue sign at the front of the building. The Clerk has reported this to the Chairman of the VHMC and has requested a price for the lettering from the company who supplied the sign.

411. Exchange of Information:

1. Next meeting 4th March, 2009.. Noted.
2. Cllr Dudman reported a complaint concerning the grass area linking Braeside Road and Ivy Close. He has spoken with EDDC who have agreed to investigate remedial action, possibly laying chippings.

The meeting ended at 7.50pm

Chairman