

St Leonards & St Ives Parish Council
Amenities Committee Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd February 2010, at 7.30pm

Members Present: Chairman Cllr Mrs J House

Cllr Mrs V Bell

Cllr R Dudman

Cllr C Preece

Cllr M Dyer

Cllr Mrs S Smith

In attendance: Mrs Ann Jacobs Parish Clerk.

Open Forum: None

372. Declarations of Interest – none

373. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr R Bryan; Cllr J Crow; Cllr Mrs A Warman and Cllr R Warman

374. Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting – held on 2nd December 2009 pages 53 and 54 were confirmed as a correct record and signed. Proposed by Cllr Mrs V Bell, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Smith.

375. Matters arising from the Minutes: None

376. Risk Assessment of Sites – The Clerk circulated a Risk Assessment report. A copy of which appears as Appendix A with these Minutes in the Minute Book. The following work was agreed:-

- i) Braeside Road Gate into Play area adjacent aerial slide – To remove broken gate and continue fencing to match existing £361.69+VAT. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr Mrs V Bell. Agreed unanimously.
RESOLVED: To remove broken gate and continue fencing to match existing cost £361.69+VAT.
- ii) Braeside entrance into play area near basketball court to install grass mat and infilling. Supply and install £115 + VAT. Proposed by Cllr Mrs S Smith, seconded by Cllr Mrs V Bell. Agreed unanimously.
RESOLVED: To install grass mat and infill in gate entrance, cost £115 + VAT.
- iii) Braeside Basket ball court edge to build up and turf repair around edge of court Supply and install £75+VAT. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr Mrs V Bell. Agreed.
RESOLVED: To build up and turf repair around edge of basketball court cost £75+VAT.
- iv) Horton Road:- Replacement Dog waste bin required. Replacement supply and install £106 plus VAT. Proposed by Cllr Mrs S Smith, seconded by Cllr Mrs V Bell. Agreed.
RESOLVED: To purchase a replacement Dog waste bin for Horton Road.

377. Braeside Road and Play Park Area –

- i) The inspection report was noted. Bins reported as rotting at bottom and in need of replacement. It was agreed to purchase 3 smaller, bins of poly with lids 2 post mounted at a cost of £121 each, and one banded to fencing at a cost of £87.20 per bin. Subject to a £14.90 delivery charge , VAT plus installation cost of £30 per bin. Proposed by Cllr Mrs S Smith, seconded by Cllr Mrs V Bell.
RESOLVED: To purchase 2 post mounted bins and one fence mounted bin to replace the damaged bins.
- ii) The clerk reported on discussions with SAS in respect of three year contract request. The impact of a maximum price increase of 5% is £1.25 per month, with no increase for the first year. It was agreed to accept the contract. Proposed by Cllr Mrs S Smith, seconded by Cllr Mrs V Bell.
RESOLVED: To confirm the 3 year contract with SAS Playgrounds in respect of the monthly inspection visit of the play area.

378. Improving Parish Sites and general appearance of the Parish:

Members received a copy of the Lengthsman's job description this was discussed. The Clerk reported that the budget would allow approximately 18 hours of work per month for this Parish. Insurance is met within the hourly rate charged out to us by Ferndown Town Council. The Lengthsman would be given a list of work to be carried out by this Parish but would be in the direct employment of Ferndown Town Council. This was discussed. It was agreed that the Committee would recommend to the Full Council to proceed with buying in to the scheme. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Smith.

RESOLVED: To recommend to Full Council to proceed with buying in to the Lengthsman Scheme of Ferndown Town Council.

379. Bowling Club Hedge: The Clerk reported contacting four companies of which two submitted quotations for the work which were compared. The work had been split into two separate stages.

- i) To cut back existing Laurel to 3' high and cut back from path, remove debris. To remove the additional seven trees and shrubs which are in front of the Leylandi hedge, removing the stumps. The quotation from Terrafirma Maintenance for £555.00+VAT was accepted. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr R Dudman.

RESOLVED: To instruct Terrafirma Maintenance to remove the 7 trees and shrubs, including stumps and cut back existing Laurel to 3' high, removing debris at a cost of £555.00+VAT.

- ii) New hedge planting: To fill in between existing Laurel and extend to form new hedging with new 3' high Laurel space between approximately 18". The quotation from Terrafirma Maintenance for £525.50+VAT was accepted. Proposed by Cllr Mrs S Smith, seconded by Cllr Mrs V Bell. The Bowls Club will be asked to assist with regular watering until established.

RESOLVED: To instruct Terrafirma Maintenance to proceed with the new hedge planting at a cost of £525.50+VAT.

380. SID Feasibility Report – A report from the Clerk had been circulated to Members a copy of which appears as Appendix B with these Minutes in the Minute Book. This was discussed. It was noted that the devices could not be returned to the same site in less than 2 weeks, DCC would still have the final say on siting the devices and a number of volunteers would need to commit a considerable amount of time to move them around. Concern was raised over the cost and actual effectiveness of the devices once they became more common place within the Parish. It was agreed to recommend to Council not to purchase a device for this Parish. Proposed by Cllr C Preece, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Smith.

RESOLVED: To recommend to Full Council not to proceed with this project.

The Clerk will continue to request DCC device as required.

381. Grit Bins – Report supplied with Full Council Agenda. Further information is awaited from DAPTC to ensure acting legally and concerning legal liability. Defer to future meeting once known.

382. Bus Stop Horton Road Village Green – A complaint concerning debris from an accident and lack of visibility was received. The debris has been cleared away. Visibility issues not currently apparent. The Clerk will review once spring vegetation has thickened and take action if required. The 40mph sign has been knocked to one side and needs correcting.

383. Exchange of Information:

- i) The Clerk circulated a short report.
1. Request for a business to advertise on the Parish website, refused not for commercial activity.
 2. The Clerk has instructed David's to proceed with the repair to the bus shelter Chair and Vice Chair delegated powers.
 3. Temporary sickness cover has been arranged with Landscape Maintenance for raking the park.
 4. Additional work to be costed for the next meeting.
 5. Dog Fouling at Horton Road noted. The Clerk is looking to various options and will report back.
 6. Home Watch AGM – Permission for Dog display given in principle provided Insurer agrees.
- ii) Cllr Mrs Smith reported that the pavement along Horton Road has recently been tidied up
- iii) Cllr Dyer reported that flytipping was still an issue at the layby in Boundary Lane. Possibly a PACT issue. The Clerk will put on the next Amenities Agenda.

The meeting ended at 8.14pm.

Chairman