

Amenities Committee Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held on 1st June 2011 at 7.30pm
In the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards

Members Present: Cllr M Dyer, Chairman

Cllr R Bryan
Cllr R Dudman
Cllr B Goringe

Cllr C House
Cllr Mrs J House

Cllr M Hockley
Cllr Mrs A Warman

In attendance: Mrs Ann Jacobs Parish Clerk, two Members of the public and Cllr R Warman observing.

Public Forum: Members of the Public thanked the Council and Cllr Mrs Warman for her efforts in respect of the Allotments project. The NSALG recommend a 14 year lease and a common rent of about £70 per year per plot. We accept that the project needs to be self financing.

The Chairman of the Council took the Chair for the election of the Chairman of Amenities Committee for 2011/2012.

- 34. Election of Chairman of the Amenities Committee for 2011/2012** - Cllr R Dudman proposed Cllr M Dyer for Chairman, seconded by Cllr B Goringe. Agreed unanimously.
RESOLVED: Cllr M Dyer was elected Chairman of the Amenities Committee for 2011/2012.
Cllr Dyer took the Chair for the rest of the meeting.

- 35. Election of Vice Chairman of the Amenities Committee for 2011/2012** – Cllr R Bryan was proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman seconded by Cllr R Dudman. This was agreed.
RESOLVED: Cllr R Bryan was elected Vice Chairman of the Amenities Committee for 2011/2012.

36. Declarations of Interest:-

Name	Details	Declaratio
Cllr R Bryan	Item 8 – Knows land owner of site who allows use of other land for a charity I am involved in.	Personal
Cllr M Dyer	Item 8 – Landlord who also owns land in Wayside Road.	Personal

- 37. Apologies:** were received and accepted from Cllr J Crow and Cllr G Willetts

- 38. Minutes of the Amenities Committee** meeting the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th April, 2011 pages 100-101 were approved and signed.

39. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Min. 489 (iii) – Razorwire. A letter from the Bowling Club Insurers confirming PL cover in respect of the wire has been received. The Police have also confirmed that there is no law against it.

40. Correspondence:

1. Press release – Millhams Tip – Unlimited access to Dorset Residents on production of Council tax bill from EDDC. Noted.

- 41. Allotments Subcommittee** – A report from the subcommittee had been circulated to Members. Cllr Mrs Warman gave further information and answered questions. The subcommittee will hold another meeting once Cllr Willetts returns. The subcommittee will be looking at a potential lease and costs in more detail. The length and cost of lease will be crucial to whether the site will be viable. The site could accommodate 8 allotments and already has a water supply. EDDC Officer Mr N Lancaster has confirmed the Planning Permission would not be required as an existing barn can be used for Allotment holder sheds. Concern about access by non allotment holders was raised, the Committee are aware and will look closely at this. Cllr Mrs J House questioned the length of the proposed lease with the land owner, a minimum of 15 years would be needed.

Concern over the access onto the A31 were raised and that of disabled access. Cllr Mrs Warman took note of the questions and will provide answers.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm to hear briefly from Members of the Public.

42. Braeside Road and Play Park Area –

- i) Report on the Play area. Noted.
The Clerk thanked Cllr Bryan and Cllr Mrs House for their assistance in cleaning the slide.
- ii) Members were informed of action taken in respect of helicopter, urgent repairs of £50+VAT sanctioned by Chairman of Council and Clerk. Work required following inspection report for health and safety. Still being reviewed may need some further work.
- iii) New gate installed. Noted. Some fine tuning to the spring is still required.

43. Road and Pavement sweeping – Information concerning schedules and an email to the questions raised by the Clerk was related to Members. Members received a letter from the Parish Plan Group questioning the level of priority awarded to relatively minor roads. Members to report any areas of concern and report back to the Committee and Clerk.

44. Lengthsman – Trimming of trees corner of Wayside Road and Boundary lane and Litter picking has been done. Members were asked to note work needed whilst travelling around the Parish and inform the Clerk. Noted.

45. Oaktree Park – A request to move the Parish noticeboard to a more central location by the owners of the park was received. The park will move and erect provided a new board is supplied. It was noted that the existing board is very weather worn and cannot be guaranteed. Cllr Bryan reported that on inspection of the boards around the Parish a number could be refurbished at a lower cost than total replacement. It was suggested that a rolling programme should be put together for budgetary purposes and obtaining accurate costs

Cllr R Bryan proposed that a new board at a cost of £219.00 (+£10 delivery and VAT) should be purchased for Oaktree Park, and that the old board would then be costed for refurbishment. If cost effective a gradual refurbishment will be planned and budgeted for, subject to Council approval. Seconded by Cllr Mrs Warman. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To purchase a replacement board in silver for Oaktree Park at a cost of £219+£10 delivery and VAT.

46. Jubilee copse – Tree work is recommended by the Conservation Volunteer to thin out some of the poorer specimens and improve light to the under storey. It was noted that this is a TPO site so advice needs to be sought from the Tree Section of EDDC. A subcommittee of Cllr C House, Cllr M Hockley and subject to acceptance Cllr G Willetts will research and report back.

47. Bowling Club complaint of balls – defer to next meeting, insufficient time to present a detailed costed report on recommendations.

48. Emergency Task Force – Cllr Bryan reported. A risk assessment report for Parish Sites was circulated and noted. A procedure to take action in respect of emergencies of varying types with delegated powers is needed. It was suggested that Members would be set an area of responsibility dependant on their Ward. This would feed back issues to the Clerk. The subject will be discussed further at a subsequent meeting.

49. Exchange of Information:

- 1. Next meeting 6th July 2011
- 2. Hurn Parish Newsletter circulated by email and noted.

The meeting closed at 8.09pm.

Chairman