

Amenities Committee Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held on 6th July 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 B Goringe

Cllr C House

Cllr Mrs J House

Cllr M Hockley

Cllr Mrs A Warman

In attendance: Mrs Ann Jacobs Parish Clerk

Public Forum: None

107. Declarations of Interest:-

Name	Details	Declaratio
Cllr R Bryan	Item 7 – Matchams Close has a grit bin purchased by the residents	Personal
Cllr Mrs H House & Cllr C House	Item 7 Gainsborough Road has a grit bin purchased by the residents	Personal

108. Apologies: were received and accepted from Cllr J Crow and Cllr G Willetts.

109. Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting the Minutes of the meeting held on 1st June, 2011 pages 9-10 were approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr R Bryan.

110. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

1. Minute 45 Oaktree noticeboard has been cleared with the Manager and is now on order.
2. New bin installed in the service road layby.

111. Correspondence:

1. Street naming and numbering: 110 Lions Lane to be known as 1-6 Cedar Gardens
2. Street naming and numbering: 17 Sylvan Close to be known as 59 Lions Lane

112. Allotments Subcommittee – Cllr Mrs Warman reported. The Clerk has passed on the questions and concerns following the full Council meeting. A meeting is being arranged with the landowners. The main issues appear to be the length of the lease and soil condition. It should take a year to improve the soil. Due to the amount of work and resources required before a useable site was available a longer lease of around 14 years with the possibility of an extension would be preferred. Cllr Mrs Warman stated that there was definitely no asbestos in the fabric or roof of the shed. Cllr Warman will confirm about the responsibility for soil quality and fencing. Cllr Mrs Warman stated she had sought advice on the Disabled Access requirements and stated that, all that is needed is a gate and a path of flattened soil, Cllr Warman also stated that EDDC do not own any suitable land in the Parish for this purpose. Cllr Mrs Warman asked that it was recorded, that it is a statutory duty to supply allotments. If the Parish cannot supply them we must inform EDDC in writing they will then find a site for us and bill us for the whole cost. Cllr Mrs Warman stated that she will be endeavouring to keep costs to a minimum and advised that, a draft lease is available on the web which will just need countersigning.

Cllr Mrs Warman also suggested Horton Road as a site as there is already plumbing and water supply. The Clerk was instructed to write to Lord Normington and ask if allotments would be allowed on the site. An article in the newsletter will also ask residents if they know of suitable land. The Clerk will put this as an item on the Full Council agenda.

113. Grit Bins – A suggested draft policy, for consideration had been circulated to Members with the agenda. This was discussed. The Clerk will get confirmation from DCC as to exactly which roads in the Parish will be gritted. The Policy will then be put to the subsequent meeting for further discussion. Cllr Bryan and the Clerk will arrange to meet with the resident of Hurn Road. It was noted that there was no guarantee that the bins will be kept stocked. Residents need to ensure that they are full in September as side roads will be of lower priority. Cllr Bryan stressed the

importance of ensuring there was some way for the water from the melting ice to run off as this could otherwise refreeze and be more dangerous than untreated snow. Cllr Mrs Warman suggested that a grit bin was needed for the Village Hall car park as the Council controlled the driveway.

- 114. Braeside Road and Play Park Area –** Report on the Play area. Noted.
- 115. Lengthsman –** Over the last few weeks the Lengthsman has concentrated on tidying up around the Tennis Courts area and repainting the wooden benches in the park. Unfortunately his vehicle caught fire yesterday and he was unable to finish the benches this week.
- 116. Bowling Club complaint of balls – A report from the** Working Party was circulated to Members. The content was noted. Costs for recommendations are being obtained.
- 117. Road and Pavement Sweeping –** The Clerk has been collating complaints on hotspots and is forwarding these to EDDC for inclusion in the next round. Members need to inform the Clerk of any additional areas. Noted. Cllr Bryan reported an area of Hurn Road.
- 118. PMU Visits –** Twenty nine jobs have been reported to DCC for action. The Clerk thanked those Members who have been proactive in reporting issues. The unit will be in the Parish during July. The Clerk asked for assistance in checking that the work had been done.
- 119. Exchange of Information:**
1. Next meeting 7th September 2011
 2. Cllr Bryan reported that the ARCG had trimmed back the overgrowth along Matchams Close, however they had not swept up or cleared the cuttings and this had now blown across the road and resulted in a number of complaints. The Clerk will report this to ARCG.

The meeting closed at 8.12pm.

Chairman