

Amenities Committee Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm 3rd October 2012
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 M Hockley
Cllr C House

Cllr Mrs J House
Cllr A Warman
Cllr G Willetts

In attendance: Mrs A Jacobs, Clerk, and Cllr R Warman observing

181. Declarations of Interest:- None

182. Apologies: None all present.

183. Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2012 pages 5 & 6 were agreed, as a correct record and signed. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr Mrs J House.

184. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

1. Condition of verges in the Parish – Cllr Mrs Warman met with an EDDC Officer and local residents concerned about the condition of verges and weeds in gutters. EDDC are looking at ways of improving the Service with fewer staff and some suggestions from residents were received and will be considered.
2. The Clerk confirmed that boundary markers were now installed at Braeside Road.

185. Correspondence:

The following Street naming and numbering was noted:

- Woodpeckers, 19 Avon Castle Drive now to be known as Avon Place, 19 Avon Castle Drive
- 32 Avon Castle Drive – replacement dwelling now completed
- 2B Fir Tree Close, is now known as Woodpecker

186. Braeside Road and Play Park Area –

- i) The report on the play area was noted. The Clerk has requested TerraFirma to do some further work on the bolts on the high netting.
- ii) Bicycle barrier at Lions Wood entrance is in need of repair – this is in hand by the Chairman.

187. Dogs: The report from the Dog Warden was noted. The Clerk informed Members that any issues raised by residents were responded to thoroughly and promptly by the Warden. Cllr Willetts reported that the grass verge close to 31 Bushmead has a fouling problem by a very large dog. The Clerk will report to the Warden.

It was also noted that noise from dogs was dealt with by Environmental Health. Addresses are needed and those complaining need to be prepared to submit witness statements before action can be taken.

188. Jubilee Bench is now in situ – Noted. The site at the bus stop was chosen as it was felt that it would be of more use to more residents in that location as the field gets very wet.

189. Lengthman - work carried out included vegetation clearance St Leonards Walk through; bench repair; clearance of footway near school; refix grit bit Hurn Road noticeboards cleaning. Members to note that there is no means of removing arisings from cutting back as space is limited within the Lengthmans vehicle. Noted. The Clerk has informed EDDC of the arisings being left and the reasons why.

190. Budget setting for 13/14 –

1. Cllr Mrs House was concerned about the £1,000 for Cllr Packhams memorial being held for so long. The Clerk has raised this and spoken to Mrs Packham. It is hope to gauge support for a gym at the Community day on 10th November to assist with grant applications. Members to put forward possible work for consideration.
2. Cllr Hockley suggested consideration of a sign post at the One stop directing a safer route to Moors Valley following the rejection of a proper crossing. The Clerk will suggest this to the Ranger. The cost

for a crossing mentioned by the County Councillor seemed very high when all that is needed is a simple Zebra crossing.

191. Exchange of Information:

1. Next meeting 7th November 2012
2. Cllr Mrs Warman reported that pavements needed sweeping in Cedar Avenue and Woolsbridge Road
3. St Leonards Walkway Shelley close to St Leonards Way, pine cones and needles were thick on the pavement. The Clerk will report these items to EDDC.
4. Grit bins for Matchams Close – Cllr Bryan asked them to be chased up and to remind DCC that they need bolting down as otherwise they will be stolen again.

7.35pm the meeting closed.

Chairman