

Amenities Committee Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on 5th December 2012
In the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards

Members Present: Cllr M Dyer, Chairman

Cllr R Dudman

Cllr Mrs J House

Cllr A Warman

Cllr G Willetts

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

294. Declarations of Interest:- None.

295. Apologies: Cllr R Bryan; Cllr B Goringe; Cllr M Hockley and Cllr C House

296. Public speaking - none

297. Requests for a Grant of Dispensation: None

298. Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2012 page 47 were agreed, as a correct record and signed. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr R Dudman.

299. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

1. Minute 190.2 – Signage to Moors Valley to indicate safer route – The Ranger has given a negative response as they feel there is too much signage at the Horton Rd crossing and a dedicated cycle route through the Forest to the visitor centre from the northern side of Horton Road. The Clerk will copy the email to Cllr P Richardson.

300. Correspondence: The following Street naming and numbering was noted:

- Street naming and numbering: New development at 62 Oaks Drive – 62;62A and 62B Oaks Drive

301. Braeside Road and Play Park Area –

- i) The report on the play area was noted. Terra Firma is trialling a means of protecting the longer bolts on the high netting.
- ii) Smith's fencing will replace slats at £15 per slat to repair the play fencing. This was discussed the Clerk was authorised to proceed, unanimously. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman.

RESOLVED: To instruct Smith's fencing to proceed with replacement slats.

302. Horton Road – The Clerk reported that a hole had been dug to form a bike ramp. The Lengthman has filled this in. Noted.

303. Lengthman – The Clerk updated Members on work carried out including clearing leaves Heath Road, Malmesbury, Grosvenor Close. The Clerk reported on the review meeting held with Clerk, Chairman and Vice Chairman. Funding is soon to cease from DCC which may have an affect on the provision of the service. Concern that the Lengthman was not always equipped to undertake a task was raised. The Clerk reminded Members that the agreement states that work needs to be requested at least the day before so that trailers and correct tools are brought with him otherwise time is wasted in returning to base.

304. Dogs: The report from the Dog Warden was noted. The dog warden has issued several FPN in the last month including one within the Parish.

305. Risk Assessment of sites: The Clerk inspected the sites 23rd November, checking for visual damage tree issues and any other risk following heavy storms. All sites were clear noted. The Clerk recommended some further grit at FP 19 access to Horton Road. This was discussed it was agreed to proceed. Proposed Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr Mrs J House.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will request further grit at FP19 access to Horton Road.

306. Footpath Officers Autumn inspection – Members noted the report and asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Walker.

307. Exchange of Information:

1. Next meeting 6th February 2013
2. Cllr Mrs Warman reported that one of the wooden posts near the wheelie bins had been knocked and would need refixing. The Clerk will arrange.
3. Cllr Willetts requested that the arisings from the St Leonards walkway be removed as they were being thrown around and the area was looking untidy. The Clerk will contact DWP.
4. Cllr Willetts had spoken to the road sweeper whilst out in Lions Lane and asked if they could sweep Bushmead Drive as there was a lot of leaf debris which keeps blocking the drain near the island area.
5. Cllr Mrs Warman had been contacted last Friday by a resident from Ashley Drive North, who backs onto the Recreation ground. Some tree work was being done and a request to remove a branch from one of the Council trees was made. Cllr Mrs Warman arranged for photographs to be sent to the Tree Officer and permission was given.
6. Cllr Mrs Warman is pursuing further pavement sweeping with DWP and she has been informed that they will be done before Christmas.
7. Cars for sale Woolsbridge Road – The Clerk has reported to the Police and they should be gone by tonight.
8. Cllr Dyer passed a copy of the Verwood Town Council response to the Boundary review to the Clerk. It was noted that whilst supporting the reduction in Council numbers, Verwood were not in support of losing Three Legged Cross from their boundary.
9. Cllr Dyer asked all Members to note the Bullying and Harrassment Policy.

7.25pm the meeting closed.

Chairman