

Amenities Committee Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30pm on 6th February 2013
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 A Warman

Cllr G Willetts

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

364. Declarations of Interest:- Cllr C House and Cllr Mrs J House declared a possible interest in item 13 Grit Bins as they had made a financial contribution to the Community bins sited in Gainsborough Road.

365. Apologies: Cllr M Hockley

366. Public speaking - none

367. Requests for a Grant of Dispensation: None

368. Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th December 2012 pages 57 & 58 were agreed, as a correct record and signed. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr R Dudman.

369. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

1. Slats repaired play area fencing
2. Hardcore ordered for FP19
3. Monkeys Wood has been repaired.

370. Braeside Road and Play Park Area –

- i) The report on the play area was noted. The Lengthman will rake the park in future as part of his contract.
- ii) Annual Inspection of the Play area – Estimate £95+VAT Members agreed to proceed with instructing the Annual Inspection. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman.

RESOLVED: To accept the quotation for £95 + VAT for the annual inspection and instruct the work.

371. Horton Road – The Clerk reported that the ditch needs some more clearance once the weather improves.

372. Lengthman – The Clerk updated Members on work carried out. Reliability and quality of the service was discussed. It was agreed that a feasibility report with recommendations was required. Cllr Goringe will liaise with the Clerk and compile a report for a subsequent meeting.

373. Dogs: The report from the Dog Warden was noted. The dog warden has reported a rise in dog fouling in the Sandy Lane/Ringwood Service Road block.

374. Risk Assessment of sites: The Clerk inspected the sites on 6th February. The Lengthman had cleared a number of branches brought down by the recent snow including some in Jubilee Copse. No other issues to report.

Cllr C House and Cllr Mrs J House did not take part in the debate on the following item:-

375. Grit Bins – Information from DCC informing the Council that refills to grit bins will be charged to Parish Council unless deemed to be strategic. The only strategic bins are at Matchams, these were installed as a requirement of planning permission. There are 5 grit bins in the Parish which have been installed at the request of residents these would cost of £45 per refill. Of these two were installed after application for a grant contribution from the PC. Copies of grit bin procedure and grant form had been circulated to Members and clearly stated that the Council would not be responsible for supply, noted. There is no budgetary provision to meet the costs of refilling the bins. Concern was raised about the

possibility of escalating costs and demand from other roads if provision was made. The cost quoted was thought to be rather excessive and alternatives were thought to be available at a much lower rate. The clerk was asked to investigate the alternatives so that residents could be advised. Cllr R Bryan and Cllr Mrs A Warman will pass the information to the Clerk.

376. Request from Tennis Club for a mini court - referred from Full Council. Members to discussed the request. The Clerk will respond that due to the ongoing car park issues and a review of all onsite uses and demands on the site, the Council cannot currently commit to the release of any further areas until the car park issue is resolved.

377. Exchange of Information:

1. Next meeting 6th March 2013
2. Cllr Mrs J House had been investigating ownership of the tree debris outside of the Doctors Surgery to try and get it removed. It is difficult to establish who is responsible.
3. During the recent severe weather a number of overhead power lines had been brought down causing inconvenience to residents. It was suggested that a letter to Scottish and Southern Energy should be compiled to highlight this issue and ask what action can be taken to resolve it.

8.00pm the meeting closed.

Chairman