

Amenities Committee Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2011 at 7.10pm
In the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards

Members Present: Cllr M Dyer, Chairman

Cllr J Crow

Cllr C House

Cllr Mrs J House

In attendance: Mrs A Jacobs, Clerk

Public Forum: None

369. Declarations of Interest:- There were no declarations of Interest to report

370. Apologies were received and accepted from: Cllr R Bryan, Cllr R Dudman; Cllr B Goringe; Cllr M Hockley; Cllr Mrs A Warman; Cllr R Warman and Cllr G Willetts.

371. Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2011 pages 62 & 63 were agreed as a correct record and signed. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr J Crow.

372. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

1. Min. 322 Jubilee Event – The VHMCM Minutes of 17.11.11 record that they do not wish to organise an event. Cllr Mrs House suggested that the bench for Horton Road could have a memorial plaque to celebrate the event.

373. Correspondence: None

374. Braeside Road and Play Park Area –

- i. The report on the play area had not been received the Clerk has chased this.
- ii. The annual inspection – The Clerk has contacted the gate manufacturer who has confirmed that the gate meets BS1722 and it is not a requirement to meet EN1176 as gates and fences are not play equipment. The gates have been reassessed for risk. Whilst raising the gate in his report it is still classified as a low risk, in addition signage clearly states that children should be supervised. It was agreed no further action was necessary.

375. Lengthsman –

- i) The Lengthsman has replaced 3 slabs of the patio area at the rear of the hall; and carried out minor repairs to fencing and vegetation cutting in the play area. Noted.
- ii) Members noted the agreement and job description of the Lengthsman. The Clerk has asked if the pavement sweeper would be available or other equipment as one of the main issues currently is pavement sweeping. Members were asked to take note of the agreement and job description and put forward work in their areas by the Tuesday of each week.

376. Dog Warden Report – Noted. The Horton Road site is much improved.

377. Tree Risk Assessment –

- i) Members noted a tree risk assessment report and recommendations. Whilst tree work on this scale has not been carried out for a number of years, it was agreed that it should be done as expediently as possible.
- ii) Three companies have been contacted for a quotation for the work required. Only one has provided a quotation. The Clerk will strive to get at least one more quotation.

378. Bench for Horton Road – Members considered two quotations for a cost of bench for Horton Road. Cllr Mrs House suggested that the bench was installed to celebrate the Jubilee as this would be a permanent and practical memorial of the event. This was discussed and agreed. Proposed by Cllr C House, seconded by Cllr J Crow.

RESOLVED To recommend to full Council that the Community grant to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee is used to purchase a bench for Horton Road, with a commemorative plaque.

379. Exchange of Information: Next meeting 11th January 2012 at 7pm

Meeting closed at 7.25pm

Chairman