

PARISH COUNCIL OF DENMEAD



MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2017 IN THE BARN GREEN ROOM, THE OLD SCHOOL, DENMEAD COMMENCING AT 7:30pm

Cllr K Andreoli (Chairman)	(P)	Cllr I Brown	(P)
Cllr N Lander-Brinkley		Cllr P Langford-Smith	(P)
Cllr K Scholey	(P)	Cllr G West	(P)
Cllr M Willoughby	(P)		

Also present – one member of the public and Mr Tony Daniells, Committee Clerk.

044/18A Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr Lander-Brinkley.

045/18A Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest made at this time.

046/18A Minutes of the Previous meeting: The minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 11 October 2017 were submitted for approval. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the minutes of the Amenities Committee be accepted as an accurate record and were duly signed.**

047/18A Matters arising and Outstanding matters from Previous Minutes:

The Chairman considered each item in the list of outstanding matters and the following comments were made:

- Cllr Brown had tried to source replacement pavilion door keys but the costs to manufacture one off keys was not cost effective
- The maintenance of the perimeter of the Heath Field had now been completed
- The willows in Harvest Field would be brought into management by a contractor in the week beginning 27 November
- Other identified tree works from the tree survey were being progressed
- The division of the school plot in River End was completed and one plot had been offered to an interested resident.
- Cllr West questioned the decision to go ahead and purchase a new tractor. He had not seen a business case and considered that any decision should have been made by the Amenities committee and not FA&P. FA&P had referred to advice from the RFO that repair costs to the old tractor would increase in this year as further maintenance had been identified and the p/x value of the vehicle would decrease. FA&P did not consider that further spend on the old tractor was justified. A decision was needed prior to the informal budget meeting so that this could be considered against the overall budget. Cllr West pressed his point that a justification for the purchase should have been prepared and that this should have been considered by Amenities.
- Cllr West gave an explanation of Hand Arm Vibration Syndrome (HAVS) and suggested the groundstaff consider trigger time

These updates were **NOTED**.

048/18A Public Participation (S.0.1 (c)): At 8.05 pm the meeting recessed into open forum to allow questions and comments from members of the public. The meeting re-convened at 8.10 pm.

For the benefit of the member of the public, agenda item 8d was taken as the next item of business

049/18A Heath Field

There were no other matters raised relating to the Heath Field

050/18A Correspondence:

Denmead Youth Football Club: A letter was received thanking the Council for its contribution to their defibrillator. **The Committee unanimously AGREED that a manufactured sign should advise that the unit was available when the Pavilion was open.**

051/18A Matters Relating to Ashling Park/Ashling Pavilion

h) MUGA and Additional Tennis Courts: Cllr Langford-Smith gave an update. Two companies were to visit to understand the need and provide quotes. She had written the the Leader of WCC and its Chief

Executive to highlight the failure of the planning process to correctly consider the contribution for the MUSA.

- (b) Perimeter Fencing: The Committee considered that (re)planting was preferred to provide a natural hedge rather than a wooden fence. Damaged section of fencing would be removed as and when necessary and the fence would be replaced with hedging. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to using natural hedging to provide a barrier at the perimeter of Ashling Park.**
- (c) Notice Boards: It was again asked if the notice boards could be cleared of multiple notices and a single notice used advise that no dogs were allowed in the Park.

052/18A Landscaping

a) Goodman Fields

- i. The Clerk would follow up with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Trust(HWT) to get information of what wildlife and flora could be seen in Goodman Fields at differing times of the year so that it could be shown on the visitor information board. **NOTED**
- ii. Cllr Scholey had observed that the river bank between the two bridges could be an attractive area if it was cleared and he asked that this be added to the groundstaff work schedule. It was noted that the surface at the entrance to the car park remained good. The growth of nettles and weeds needed to be checked.

b) Kidmore Field

- i The Clerk referred to a letter from the Ville Bowmen asking that their original container be replaced and for the Committee to consider a request for a second container. Following comments from Council, the club had grown its membership. The Head Groundsman had also suggested using some of the archery field to provide a storage area for spoils that could not immediately be chipped and spread. Cllr Scholey suggested that some of the spoils could be used to improve the paths cut through Celia's Copse. The Head Groundsman was asked to provide a cost of preparing a storage/holding area at Kidmore Field. The Committee agreed in principle to a replacement and additional container but it would be considered as a combined request. **NOTED.**

c) Harvest Field

There were no matters raised relating to Harvest Field.

- d) Other Open Spaces: Committee were referred to an email from Dave Potter regarding the condition of the play equipment at Creech View. His opinion was that this equipment now neared the end of its life. A previous suggestion was that this equipment was removed and the area used for informal play. A sum of £15,000 had been included in the 2018/19 budget for replacing play equipment at this location. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to replace the play equipment when it became necessary.** The email also advised that Mr Potter was retiring and he would no longer be available to carry out play area inspections. He had advised of another RPII Inspector in the area. The Clerk had contacted this person to ask of his availability and price. **It was AGREED that Mr Andy Figgins be used to carry out the inspections due in February 2018. He would also be asked if he would allow groundstaff to accompany him on his inspection to pick up knowledge.**

Committee also considered the quality of interim visual inspections with the recent incident with the zip wire be raised as an example.

A contractor would be used to replace fencing at the play area at Mill Close using plastic fence post supplied by DPC. It was questioned if DPC's own staff could repair fencing. The Clerk would confirm the extent of fence ownership.

053/18A Trees

The Clerk had brought to the Committees attention some requests from residents for works to trees.

The Committee agreed that

- i. 1 Great Mead – the Head Groundsman had previously visited and inspected the trees and considered that the works were cosmetic. If the householder was prepared to contribute to the costs of maintaining the tree identified as tree one, then some reduction would be considered. No other tree works were deemed needed.
- ii. Adjacent 38 Great Mead – the householder would be advised that he could prune back to his perimeter any roots encroaching into his garden.
- iii. Adjacent 35 Great Mead – if the householder wished to claim for any damage proven to be caused by DPC owned trees, then this would be forwarded to the Council's insurance company

054/18A Vandalism: There were no reports of any vandalism.

055/18A Sponsorship of Roundabouts in Forest Road and flower beds around the village.

Cllr Langford-Smith advised that Horizon Leisure had agreed to sponsor some areas and identified these. Their sponsorship sign had been agreed. It was asked if plaques of other lapsed sponsorships were removed from the planters. Item complete.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.07pm. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, 17 January 2018

PUBLIC SESSION

One member of the Public

Amenities Committee – 22 November 2017

Ms Caine, a resident of Ashling Gardens asked for an explanation of Fields in Trust; if FiT had been asked for their permission for car parking at Kidmore Field; if the surveyors report on the Heath Field had been received and when signage would be provided ay Heath Field.