

## PARISH COUNCIL OF DENMEAD

### MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2018 IN THE BARN GREEN ROOM, THE OLD SCHOOL, DENMEAD COMMENCING AT 7:30pm

Cllr K Andreoli	(Chairman)	(P)	Cllr I Brown
Cllr A Jones		(P)	Cllr N Lander-Brinkley
Cllr P Langford-Smith			Cllr E Marks
Cllr R Pearson			Cllr K Scholey (P)
Cllr G West		(P)	Cllr M Willoughby (P)

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

**022/19A** Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllrs Langford-Smith, Brown and Lander-Brinkley.

**023/19A** Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest made at this time.

**024/19A** Minutes of the Previous meeting: The minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 4 July 2018 were submitted for approval. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the minutes of the Amenities Committee were accepted as an accurate record and duly signed.**

**025/19A** 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:

- Tennis Courts: The situation with the new Tennis Courts is ongoing.
- Football pitches. The Clerk advised setting some money aside in the budget discussions to allow match funding of any available grants.
- Scout Hut Lease: Cllrs Langford-Smith and Andreoli to discuss the lease with the Scouts.
- Youth room repainting: The Clerk would contact the Youth Leader to get her thoughts on what she proposed for the youth room.
- Locks on the external doors to the Pavilion had been changed and additional keys were being obtained.
- Rubbish Clearance: The rubbish at Goodman Fields and Kidmore Field had now been removed.
- Wetlands Clearance: Dredging of silt from the Wetlands had been completed in two days.
- Boules Court: No further update in regards to the Boules Court.

#### Head Groundsman Report

- Trees at 27 The Smithy had been removed to abate any nuisance
- Football pitches had been marked out in preparation for the coming season
- Quotes had been obtained to resurface Cemetery Lane
- Loose brickwork on the perimeter wall of the Pavilion would be repaired now that the youth had gone back to school and would not be using the wall for target practice.

**026/19A** Public Participation (S.0.1 (c)): At 7.40 pm the meeting recessed into open forum to allow a member of the public to address the Committee. The meeting re-convened at 7.45 pm.

The Committee agreed that agenda item 8 (b) ii, Use of Kidmore Field, be taken as the next item of business.

**027/19A Use of Kidmore Field:** A resident had requested the hire of the Field for a private family party and to use it for a village event on the evening before. Committee had previously been briefed on the event during the public session. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to allow the hire of Kidmore Field for a private function.**

The resident was asked to contact the Parish Office for hire charges.

The Clerk would contact the Ville Bowmen to ask if they could co-exist for their normal weekly shoot on a Sunday

**028/19A Correspondence :**

Letter from Denmead Scouts: A letter dated 14 September was tabled at the meeting and read out by the Chairman. The Scouts were concerned that the removal of vehicle access to the field from the car park would impact on their two major events. A response from the Head Groundsman was also read out. In the discussion, Councillors

- found it unacceptable that access to the field could not be maintained
- the compound should be kept safe and tidy at all times
- access was not for members of the public but to allow setup for organised events

**It was AGREED that vehicle access should be permitted for organised events. The Clerk would address this matter with the Head Groundsman and reply to the letter from the Scouts.**

**029/19A Matters Relating to Ashling Park/Ashling Pavilion**

- a) Kitchen worktop: A quotation for replacing the kitchen worktop at the Pavilion was considered. Cllr West thought the cost was too high and he would contact other property maintenance companies known to him for a price. **This matter was DEFERRED until further quotes had been received.**
- b) Induction Hob: The Clerk had circulated prices for induction hobs from major retailers. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to replace the old hob with an induction hob at a cost of up to £250. The costs would be taken from Sage cost 6301 Pavilion Improvements.**
- c) Pan Set: The Clerk advised that a new pan set would be required to work with an induction hob. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to purchase a new set at a cost of up to £50 with the cost taken from Sage code 6301 Pavilion Improvements**
- d) Pitch Renovations: The Clerk advised that his research had show that grants for pitch renovations were usually granted if the applicant could match fund. He suggested that funds should be built up and considered at budget setting in October. **It was AGREED that this matter would be considered when setting a budget for the next financial year.**
- (e) Electrical Works: The recent electrical safety inspection had identified further work to bring the pavilion electrical installation up to current standards. A quote for these additional works had been received. Cllr West queried if the resultant work would be certified upon completion. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the additional work was completed with the costs taken from Sage code 3015 Pavilion EMR**
- (f) Water Leak: The Chairman briefed the Committee on a recent water leak affecting the sports clubs at Ashling Park. The leak had now been repaired. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the cost to repair the leak was taken from Sage code 3011 Outsourcing EMR**

**030/19A Landscaping**

a) Goodman Fields:

- (i) The information board advising visitors to the Fields of what could be seen in the various areas of the Fields had now been installed. **NOTED.**
- (ii) Entrance and Car Park: Quotes had been received for repairs to both the entrance and car park. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to accept both quotes and authorise the work to be completed, funded from Sage code 3021 Goodman EMR**

b) Kidmore Field:

**It was unanimously RESOLVED to purchase 25 recycled plastic fence posts to be used to fence the groundstaff work area. This would be funded from Sage code 6291, Fencing General.**

- c) Harvest Field:  
There were no matters raised in regards to the Harvest Field.
- d) Heath Field:
- i. The tree at 1 Ashling Gardens had been felled and the stump would be ground this week. The householder had indicated that she would reinstate her fence when the fence line was clear and marked. **NOTED.**
  - ii. A pedestrian side gate to Heath Field was reconsidered now that the Working Party Report had been published and the future of the Heath Field agreed. Two options for gates were tabled but one rejected as the gate had a step and could impact upon access. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to purchase a 2 in 1 gate up to £500 and funded from Sage code 3011 Village Centre maintenance EMR.**
- e) Trees:
- i. A tree at Little Corner had been implicated in a subsidence claim. **It was AGREED to await a report from the householder's insurance company, as is normal practice before further action was taken.**
  - ii. Mature oaks in Woodrow Greenway and Goodman Fields had recently seen major boughs fail. A quote had been received for a climbing survey of all of the mature oaks in these areas. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to carry out a survey funded by Sage code 3011 Tree Survey EMR**
- f) Dog Bags: Stocks of refill bags had now been used and the budget exhausted for this financial year. Dispensers had now run out but no increase in dog fouling had been observed. Refilling of dispensers would be managed so that the supply lasted to the new financial year. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to purchase 12 cases of refill dog bags funded from Sage code 3011 Village Centre maintenance EMR.**
- g) Play Areas:
1. Creech View
    - i. The old play equipment has now been removed and disposed of by a contractor. **NOTED.**
    - ii. Two designs and quotes for replacement play equipment suitable for the age range 3-6 was tabled. One quote was over budget. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to place an order for purchase and installation with Wicksteed for a Tom Thumb unit and double cradle swing funded from Sage code 6120.**
  2. The Barn: The original supplier of the trampoline unit had been unable to source replacement safety matting for the edge of the unit. They had suggested cutting down similar matting and the Head Groundsman considered this to be a workable that they could complete. **NOTED.**
- (h) Other Open Space
- i. St Georges Open Space: A householder had asked for a goalpost and seat to be installed on this open space to encourage play to move away from his property. The Committee considered that installation of goal posts could be dangerous as balls could run out into the road. **It was AGREED that a bench could be considered when the budget from the next financial year was set. The Clerk would reply to the householder with this decision.**
  - ii. The Committee were made aware of a small strip of verge that was not maintained and was an eyesore upon entering the Village from the Forest Road roundabout along Hambledon Road. It was agreed that this could be maintained annually by the groundstaff or lengthsman. **It was AGREED that the Clerk would contact Hampshire Highways to ask their permission if the verge could be maintained by the Parish Council.**

**031/19A Vandalism:** Two incidences of vandalism were reported. One had identified condoms being handed out to youth in the Park. The Youth Leader would be asked if she knew about this. **NOTED.**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.56pm. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, 31 October 2018

Amenities Committee  
Wednesday 19 September 2018  
Public Participation

A resident of White Horse Lane outlined her plans if she was given permission to hire Kidmore Field for a private function. The Saturday evening would be for a family event with erection of a marquee, a band and hog roast. She hoped to use the Friday evening for a village event, possibly a barn dance. The resident also spoke of a tea party on the Sunday afternoon and people camping overnight on the Saturday.