

PARISH COUNCIL OF DENMEAD

MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2018 IN THE BARN GREEN ROOM, THE OLD SCHOOL, DENMEAD COMMENCING AT 7:30pm

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

Also present were three members of the public, Mr Tony Daniells, Committee Clerk and Miss Karen Seear, new Committee Clerk.

032/19A Apologies: No apologies were received. .

033/19A Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest made at this time.

034/19A Minutes of the Previous meeting: The minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 19th September 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.**

035/19A 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:

- (a)
- Tennis Courts: The situation with the new Tennis Courts is ongoing with the funding position being clarified.
 - A side access gate for Heath Field was on order
 - Football pitches. On hold. Investigation into funding for £135,000 has been unsuccessful at present. Any funding was likely to require matched funding. DPC would consider building a reserve at budget time.
 - Awaiting a date for a contractor to upgrade the electrical installation with works identified in the last safety inspection.
 - Safety matting for the trampoline at The Barn was on order
 - The new play equipment for Creech View would be installed in January 2019.
 - Youth room repainting: Ongoing. Work to be done by Groundstaff during wet weather weekends.
- (b)
- Locks on the external doors to the Pavilion are unavailable. Locks have now been replaced. Kitchen worktop quotes for replacement are still being pursued.
 - Boules Court: Cllr Langford-Smith advised that Anmore Road may not be downgraded when Carpenters is developed. And the area identified for a Boules Court may now be unsuitable.
 - There may be no room for a replacement tree on the Green. Alternative festive lighting had been identified. The resolution to replant a tree should be revisited at the next meeting of this Committee.

Head Groundsman Report

- Travellers now have left KGV. Clean up operation in progress. Football pitches require repair and are out of action, completion date for repairs is a couple of weeks.
- Groundsmen staffing is now has a complete set of staff. 1 new weekend ranger and 1 new Groundstaff member.

036/19A Public Participation (S.0.1 (c)): At 7.46 pm the meeting recessed into open forum to allow members of the public to address the Committee. The meeting re-convened at 8.12 pm.

It was AGREED that agenda item 7(a) – Matters Relating to Ashling Park – Letter from Denmead Tennis Club (DTC) and 8 (a) and (b) Kidmore Field would be taken as the next item of business.

037/19A Matters Relating to Ashling Park

Letter from DTC dated 13 October 2018. Mr Chiswell of the DTC had previously spoken during the Public Session of the need for additional tennis courts. Cllr Langford-Smith responded that the additional courts were tied in with funding for a Multi Use Sports Area (MUSA). The MUSA Working

Party had not met recently and two Councillors had now left. Cllr Pearson agreed to join the Working Party. Cllr Langford-Smith had been corresponding with WCC regarding funding of a MUSA from developer contributions and a further reply from WCC was awaited. Her comments and those from the Public Session were **NOTED**. Mr Chiswell was asked to obtain the funding position from the Lawn Tennis Association

037/19A Kidmore Field

(a) Email from Ville Bowmen: The email, dated 31 August 2018 referred to a second storage container which had previously been agreed to provided that Fields in Trust give permission. Mr Meech of the Ville Bowmen had previously spoken during the Public Session. The Committee had agreed a scale of charges for use of storage and the Bowmen considered that DPC should now provide the capital funding for a second container and DPC would charge them for its use. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that DPC would provide a second container and that the RFO identify funding in 2018/19 of £2000 or it would be included in the 2019/20 budget.**

(b) 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 RESOLVED by a majority to allow the hire of Kidmore Field for a private function at the current hire rate.**

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

038/19A Matters Relating to Ashling Park/Ashling Pavilion

a) Football pitches: The Clerk tabled photographs showing damage to football pitches as a result of a Traveller incursion. The Head Groundsman has said repairs on one pitch will take two to three weeks, and the other may not be back in action before the new year. He was in contact with the Youth Football Club as to when the pitches would be usable. It was **AGREED** the pitches should be repaired as and when suitable and that the Head Groundsman would decide when they were safe for use.

039/19A Landscaping

a) Goodman Fields: Cllr Brown discussed clearing the footpath of weeds on the entrance to the car park suggesting dog friendly weed killer would be required.

a) Harvest Field: The Head Groundsman had suggested budgeting for replacement gates into Harvest Field from Southwick Road. There was a discussion about the need for gates of if the entrance should be fenced and planted with hedging. It was **AGREED** that if the Head Groundsman did not require an access gate then that entrance should be fenced and planted.

d) Heath Field: The deployment of access restrictors was raised for Heath Field. This would be reviewed along with access to other open spaces. It was noted that the fence from a resident's garden onto Heath Field had not been reinstated. DPC had previously resolved to replace the fence. It was **AGREED** that this matter should be costed and brought back to the next meeting of this Committee.

e) Cllr Langford-Smith spoke of a meeting with the Police to discuss traveller incursions and protection of the Council's assets The use of a drop down restrictor was Goodman Fields was questioned and its possible impact on underground services. **It was AGREED that DPC would look at using drop down restrictors at strategic locations and that the Head Groundsman identify vulnerable locations. His report should be referred to the next meeting of this Committee.**

040/19A Budget Requirements for 2019/2020

The RFO had previously circulated a proposed budget for this Committee. Members reviewed each item in the budget. The proposed budget was accepted with the following amendments

i. Any remaining underspend from 2018/19 in the Staff Training budget should be carried forward to 2019/20

ii. The cleaning budget for the Pavilion was increased to £4,500. Cllr Langford-Smith proposed that the kitchen and oven should be cleaned more regularly due to frequent use. It was suggested that the oven could be cleaned quarterly, with a deep clean of the kitchen every 6 months.

iii. The budget for dog bin bags was agreed

New items to be added were

i. New gates for Harvest Field if needed, at a budgeted cost of £1,000.

ii. A bench at St.Georges open space at a budgeted cost of £600

iii. Two additional storage containers for Kidmore Field at a budgeted cost of £4,500

The above changes would be taken to the informal budget workshop of all Committees to be held in November.

041/19A **Vandalism:** The main incidence has been the traveller's incursion. Vandalism to toilets at Ashling Park has also been NOTED.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.03pm. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, 12th December 2018

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Public Participation

Three members of the public were in attendance.

- i. A resident of White Horse Lane who wished to use Kidmore Field for a private party asked about the charge for use of the Field. There was discussion about clarification of use and costing and if the use was for private or commercial purposes. It was unanimously AGREED that the charges should be at a private rate for two days hire.
The Resident and the Ville Bowmen are in discussion as to how they will co-exist for their normal weekly shoot on a Sunday.
- ii. Denmead Tennis Club; Mr Chiswell of the club informed the council that a supply cable had been cut and now repaired. A large hole was dug in order to carry out these repairs; the area has now been cleaned and repainted after a large amount of dirt covered the court.
Mr Chiswell also enquired about update on the progress for application of additional tennis courts in order to satisfy requirements for adult club members requiring tennis courts at busy times. He informed the council that he had approached the LTA (Lawn Tennis Association) for funding. The LTA agree funding but DTC would have to generate a further £5000. Cllr Langford-Smith assured Mr Chiswell that the issue is being dealt with and has been in correspondence with Winchester City Council.
- iii. Ville Bowmen: Mr Meech for the Ville Bowmen raised several points over the use of Kidmore Field, noting there was a large amount of concrete left on site. There was discussion about whether suggested path is to put in place and keyed access to gates on site. It was agreed that the same set of keys should be used on locks to both gates.
A second storage container for use by the Bowmen has been requested and he enquired about progress and funding of this.