

PARISH COUNCIL OF DENMEAD

MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6th February 2019 IN THE BARN GREEN ROOM, THE OLD SCHOOL, DENMEAD COMMENCING AT 7:30 pm

Cllr K Andreoli (Chairman)	(P)	Cllr I Brown	(P)
Cllr A Jones			
Cllr P Langford-Smith	(P)	Cllr R Pearson	(P)
Cllr K Scholey		Cllr G West	(P)
Cllr O Barneveld	(P)	Cllr Adam Carden	
Cllr D Crichton	(P)	Cllr A Berry	(P)

Also present were, Mr Gareth Davies, Clerk to the Council and Miss Karen Seear Committee Clerk.

052/19A Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr A Jones, Cllr A Carden and Cllr K Scholey.

053/19A Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest made at this time.

054/19A Minutes of the Previous meeting: Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 12th December 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.**

055/19A 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)
- The pavement dip at Hatchmore was discussed and raised as a Health and Safety issue. As the footpath has been determined as un-adopted. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to gain a quote for the work required with a notice put in place to inform the public seven days before the work takes place.**
 - The HAVI watch for the Headgroundsman has been ordered and received. **NOTED.**

056/19A Head Groundsman Report:

- The painting of the youth room has been carried out to a high standard by Groundstaff. **NOTED.**
- The replacement mowing deck has been ordered. **NOTED.**
- The required tree work has had planning applications submitted. **NOTED.**
- The new play equipment at Creech View play area has been a success with residents. **NOTED.**
- Queries were made about the HAVI watch log. Councillor Langford-Smith reported that the Headgroundsman keeps a log. Councillor West suggested that users of the HAVI watch operate with gloves. **NOTED.**
- Thanks to the Headgroundsman for his report were given. **NOTED.**

057/19A Public Participation (S.0.1 (c)): There was no requirement for a public session.

058/19A Correspondence:

- a) Parking management for the wedding parties during the hire of Heath Field was discussed. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to cordon off the car park during the event with a length of chain with signage and to advise residents 5 days prior to the event that the car park will be closed.**
- b) A request has been made by Denmead 10K Race Director for the booking of Kidmore Field and car park. **It was unanimously AGREED to allow the event to take place on the condition that there is no painting of the roads, that the Archery Club are not inconvenienced by the event and that all signs and cable ties are cleared after the event.**
- c) A request has been made from the Scouts in regards to the use of Kidmore field for a fundraising car-boot sale. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to allow the Scouts to hire the field at the current hire rate provided that the Archery Club are not inconvenienced by the event.**

059/19A Matters relating to Ashling Park:

- (a) The replacement worktops for the Pavilion were re-visited and discussed. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to gain quotes for a high quality, seamless worktop and replacement sinks.**
- (b) A window in the Pavilion staff room requires repairing. Blinds were also suggested as they would be beneficial for staff. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to gain quotes for the window repairs and to purchase and install blinds with funds taken from SAGE code 3015.**
- (c) The need for a structural survey of the Pavilion was discussed. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to go ahead with the survey.**
- (d) Correspondence from the Day-care manager asking for an additional building for use by the facility was discussed. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to ask for more detailed information and discuss requirements with the Day-care manager.**
- (e) Correspondence was received from the Cubs leader with regards to the use of the Pavilion toilets and car park identification for the Denmead litter pick event. The question was asked whether the date given to us was correct. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to make contact to check the date for the event is correct and liaise with the council staff once this has been confirmed.**

060/19A Landscaping:

- (a) Goodman Field's: There were no matters appertaining to Goodman Field's.
- (b) Kidmore Field: The replacement fence around the pond and signage was discussed. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to go ahead with the source of funding that had been identified. SAGE CODE 6322 and to make sure the appropriate signage was in place.**
- (c) Harvest Field: The reinforced plastic replacement gate quotes are in hand. **TO NOTE.**
- (d) Heath Field: The marking of the boundary line is ongoing. **TO NOTE.**
It was unanimously RESOLVED to make sure the marking of the boundary line and the installation of the new fence coincide with each other.
The Chairman stated that Denmead Parish Council is still awaiting the delivery of the new gate due to the order being missed in September 2018. The gate has now been ordered. **NOTED.**
- (e) Bridge Green: The bench ordered for Bridge Green was discussed. There was a previous agreement by the Highway's Committee that the next council bench purchased should be sited at Harvest Field for use by Denmead in Bloom as they have been requesting a bench for some time. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the Committee Clerk agree the wording of a letter to the DVA with Cllr Langford-Smith to suggest placing the bench at Harvest Field for the use by Denmead in Bloom. The bench should then become council property, the installation costs and upkeep of the bench will be the responsibility of the council.**
The bridge repairs were discussed. Councillor Brown questioned whether the bridge had been repaired properly as the repairs were only temporary. **It was AGREED that the Headgroundsman will check the bench to see if the repairs had been carried out.**
- (f) Village Green: The pruning of the beech tree was discussed and it was agreed to make sure this did not coincide with nesting season.
The village noticeboard renovation was discussed. It was noted that the current display items are out of date. It was suggested that rather than carrying out the renovating work, to replace the noticeboard with a new one and to hold off from replacing the legs. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to obtain quotes for a new noticeboard and to bring them back to the next Amenities Council meeting with funds possibly coming from Village centre maintenance.**
- (g) Play areas: The annual play inspection was discussed. The council's previous play inspector has retired. The council needs to appoint a new inspector. **Quotes were discussed and it was unanimously RESOLVED to use the chosen inspector provided the appropriate accreditations were in place.**
- (h) Trees: The insurance claim from a resident was discussed. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to hand over this information to the Council's insurance company for consideration.**
A Bat Survey is required on some of the trees at King George V playing fields before the required tree work can take place. A quote was received for the survey. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to go ahead with the survey.**
Correspondence from a local resident with regards to damage that pine trees are causing was discussed. The Headgroundsman has suggested that these trees need to be removed. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to obtain a quote for the required work and to re-plant with a new tree. Replacement trees for replanting were considered. It was AGREED to decide which variety of native tree to use dependant on location requirements.**

An update on the condition of the Ash Tree in the Ashling Park playground was received. The problem is being looked into but two inspections of the tree have not considered this tree as dangerous. The silver birch trees along Forest Road were reported as leaning. **It was AGREED to ask the Headgroundsman about this issue and if necessary ask the tree surgeon for a quote on the required work.**

- (j) Sponsorship of green spaces. **It was AGREED to write to the organiser of the business breakfast's to ask if local businesses would like to sponsor the green spaces and planters, giving Horizon Leisure first refusal on renewing their current sponsorship.**

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Scale of charges: It was unanimously RESOLVED to increase the scale of charges in line with the January 2019 inflation figure.

062/19A **Vandalism:** There were no reports of vandalism.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.26pm. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 20th 2019.

Amenities Committee
Wednesday 12th December 2018