

# PARISH COUNCIL OF DENMEAD



## MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 17 JANUARY 2018 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 E Marks	(P)	Cllr K Scholey	(P)
Cllr G West	(P)	Cllr M Willoughby	(P)

Also present –four members of the public and Mr Tony Daniells, Committee Clerk.

**056/18A** Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr Lander-Brinkley.

**057/18A** Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest made at this time.

**058/18A** Minutes of the Previous meeting: The minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 22 November 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.**

**059/18A** 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 Scholey had identified a supplier who could supply cut keys. See minute 063/18A e) I for further discussions.
- The following items were now complete
  - Waste bin in the Ashling Park damaged by fire had been replaced
  - The upgrade to the fire doors in the Pavilion to legal standards had been completed
  - Fields in Trust (FiT) had approved the siting of a storage container in the Ashling Park and the re-siting of the canoe cage at Kidmore Field
  - Work identified by the tree survey had now been completed
  - Whips to supplement the fencing at Harvest Field had been planted
  - The school cultivation plot had been divided and one plot had been taken.

Other matters would be covered later in the meeting. These updates were **NOTED**.

**060/18A** Public Participation (S.0.1 (c)): At 7.36 pm the meeting recessed into open forum to allow questions and comments from members of the public. The meeting re-convened at 7.55 pm.

**061/18A** Correspondence:

There was no correspondence to receive under this agenda item.

**062/18A** Open Spaces Balances:

The Open Space balances were **NOTED**. **It was AGREED that the play funds would be used towards new play equipment at Creech View and the sport funds would contribute to the cost of a MUSA.**

**063/18A** Matters Relating to Ashling Park/Ashling Pavilion

- a) Email from DYFC: The Committee accepted the reasons for cancelling all games on 22 November as to play on the football pitches would have caused damage that would have jeopardised games in future weeks. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that, if the morning inspection resulted in cancellation of morning fixtures then a second inspection should be carried out later in the morning to determine if afternoon games can be played.**
- (b) Additions to Skatepark for BMX: Further information on the detail of the proposal was awaited. It was considered that the skatepark was suitable for all age groups and any modifications for BMX use should meet that criteria. **NOTED**.
- (c) Multi Use Sports Area (MUSA): Cllr Langford-Smith gave an update. She had met with a supplier and an estimate for the MUSA had been received. The Working Party would meet to consider this. It was asked if funds were not available to complete the project, if the installation could be staged? Whilst it may be cost effective to complete the installation at the same time, it was something to consider. **NOTED**.

- d) Additional Storage for Ashling Park: FiT had approved the siting of a storage container in the Ashling Park for use by Daycare. The conditions attached to the permission were **NOTED**.
- e) Ashling Pavilion:
- i. Door Locks: Cllr Scholey had identified a supplier of keys at £12 each. This was a cheaper option than replacing the locks. It was accepted that the supplier may not be able to supply keys indefinitely. The Clerk would supply the requirements to Cllr Scholey to see if all of the required keys were available. **NOTED**
  - ii. Pavilion Kitchen Worktops: Cllr Andreoli had identified damage to the worktops. This was considered to be a hygiene issue. Cllr Rusbridger would be asked for advice on replacement worktops. A costing would be obtained for replacement worktops. The base units would be checked to confirm that they were still sound enough to take new worktops. The cost of an induction hob would also be included. **It was AGREED that the costings would be brought back to this Committee.**
  - iii. Kitchen Facilities: Cllr Andreoli had suggested reconfiguring the kitchen units to cater for a dishwasher. The Committee were unanimous in rejecting this suggestion. **NOTED.**
  - iv. Youth Room: It was asked if the youth room could be repainted. The Clerk advised that this could be done by the Rangers on wet weekends. Another suggestion was that the youth could carry out this themselves, although this was not supported. The use of low emission paint should be considered and Daycare should be asked for their thought on this. **It was AGREED that the Clerk would obtain costings for the work and bring these back to this Committee..**

**064/18A** Landscaping

- a) Goodman Fields
- i. The Clerk had received no reply to a follow up email to HIWWT on information that should be included on an information board for visitors to Goodman Fields. A further email had been sent. **NOTED**
  - ii. Cllr Brown questioned the burning of spoils at Goodman Fields and asked if the footpath at the entrance could be cleared of weeds.
- b) Kidmore Field
- i. Letter from Denmead Striders: A request had been received to use Kidmore Field for the Annual 10k Run in October. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to allow use of the Field but to apply conditions that the roads should not be painted and all signage and cable ties were removed after the run.**
  - ii. Re-siting of the Canoe Cage: FiT had now approved the re-siting of the Scout's canoe cage and would wish to see a copy of the amended lease to reflect this. **NOTED.**
  - iii. Landscape Working Area: A proposal and costings had been received. This was accepted but there was a need to speak with the Ville Bowmen to understand any impact to them if their archery lanes were shortened and to know more of the use of containers. The spoils from the Burial Ground would be composted in this area. **It was AGREED to wait for more information and to ask the RFO how to fund this work.**
- c) Harvest Field
- i. Wetlands Pond: A quote was received for 2 and 3 days of use of a Truxor machine to dredge silt from the Wetlands Pond. The 2017/18 and 2018/19 budget had both included the sum of £1,000 for this work. The use of the machine for 3 days would require an additional £600. It was considered that the pond should be cleared of silt to keep it effective. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the machine be used for three days and the RFO should be asked to identify a source for the extra cost.**
  - ii. During a walk of the path around the Wetlands Pond, Cllrs Langford-Smith and Brown had been advised by a resident that children had been seen swimming in the pond. Cllr Brown asked if life saving equipment should be available. **The Clerk would obtain the latest guidance from the relevant authority.**
- d) Heath Field
- i. A letter from the Denmead Pre-School was received relating to the fence at Heath Field. This matter had previously been discussed and decided and the letter was **NOTED**. The fence would be replaced by a knee rail and the Pre-School could use removable barriers to fence off the tarmac area previously allocated for play.
  - ii. The contractor had brought the perimeter hedge back under control and had completed this work to a good standard. Signage had been received and would be installed on 18 January.

- e) **Play Area Inspections**  
Following the retirement of Dave Potter, the inspections would be carried out in February using Andy Figgins. **NOTED.**
- f) **Other Open Spaces:** The sturdiness of the footbridge at Bridge Green was questioned. The Clerk was aware of some temporary work but would enquire of HCC as to the status of further works. It was asked if this matter could be referred to H&GP to be considered with a report on the greenways when an Officer from HCC was in attendance.  
The rails of the fence at Bridge Green had dropped in places. These should be removed as there was sufficient shrubbery. Any gaps behind the fence should be planted with whips.

**065/18A** **Vandalism:** There were no reports of any vandalism.

**066/18A** **Sponsorship of Roundabouts in Forest Road and flower beds around the village.**  
Cllr Langford-Smith gave an update. Sponsors signage was now in place. The funds received would be used to finance a grant to DiB for a motorized to water the village centre planters.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.58pm. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, 28 February 2018

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

Four members of the Public

Amenities Committee – 17 January 2018

Mr Chiswell, of Denmead Tennis Club referred to the growth and success of the Tennis Club. The Club had funded improvements to facilities and maintenance of existing facilities. Additional tennis courts were needed to support the current membership and to attract new members. The Lawn Tennis Association had funds which the Club could apply for. There were also funds available from Winchester. In reply, Cllr Langford-Smith showed the plans for a MUSA with two tennis courts, with a summary of the specification and a price estimate. She summarised the position with developer contributions and how there had been disappointment that WCC had not received the level of contribution received elsewhere. She was now asking for CIL funds.

Mrs Marks, on behalf of the Denmead War Memorial Hall, was suggesting a donation towards fencing the Heath Field with a fence similar to that in use at play areas. She gave examples of where donations had been accepted previously by the Council. In reply, she was advised that the Heath Field was not a designated play area, as are other areas with fencing, and that the decision to remove the fence and install a knee rail had been made.