

Minutes of a meeting of the AMENITIES COMMITTEE held on Monday 14th May 2018 at 7.30pm in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, FOREST COMMUNITY CENTRE, PINEHILL ROAD, BORDON.

Cllrs Present: Cllr A. Carew, Cllr I. Georgii, Cllr C. Leach, Cllr C. Mitchell, Cllr T. Muldoon, Cllr R. Russell and Cllr D. Sanders

In attendance: David Melsome (Deputy Town Clerk - Minute taker for this meeting)

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7.094	APOLOGIES – Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ms L. Malikoff-Johnston and Cllr A. Waterhouse	
7.095	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None.	
7.096	CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS – There were no Chairman’s announcements. As this was the last meeting before the Annual Council Meeting, the Chairman thanked members of the Committee for their support throughout the year.	
7.097	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 26 th March 2018, previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman. (Proposed by Cllr C. Leach, seconded by Cllr T. Muldoon, 4 Members AGREED).	
7.098	GROUNDS OFFICER’S REPORT A verbal report on the Council’s Amenities was provided by the Deputy Town Clerk on behalf of the Grounds Officer. The update included litter and anti-social behaviour at the Skate Park – including the use of disposable barbecues; and graffiti at Bordon Inclosure. The above update was NOTED .	
7.099	LAND AREA DAMAGE AT MILL CHASE RECREATION GROUND The grassed area including football pitches had incurred damage at Mill Chase Recreation Ground, following access by a horse rider and trap. The activity caused deep hoof marks in the surface, and in spite of some remedial work there had only been a limited success in rectifying the problem. Members discussed the option and proposed : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That a sum of £800 be approved for installation of a fixed, staggered barrier at the southern end of the recreation ground to prevent unauthorised access (budget code 4300 Grounds Maintenance); (ii) That Council engage a local contractor in a correct repair on the damaged field areas, up to a maximum of £1499 (budget code 4300 Grounds Maintenance); (iii) The expense of £60 incurred by Wey Valley Football Club to repair the pitches is reimbursed as a goodwill gesture between both parties (budget code Amenities 4900 Sundry Expenditure); (iv) That this incident is publicised to the local press (including photographs) to highlight the cost of the damage incurred to the taxpayer. (Proposed by Cllr A.Carew, seconded by Cllr R. Russell, ALL Members AGREED).	

7.100	<p>REQUEST FOR REDUCTION IN ROUNDABOUT SPONSORSHIP SUM FOR YEAR 2017 / 2018</p> <p>The Sponsor of the roundabout at Conde Way (filling station) had requested a reduction in the invoice sum payable for year 2017 / 2018, by 50%. This had occurred following the resignations of the Council contractor engaged in the maintenance of the floral displays, at the end of September 2017. The displays had then lapsed and become overgrown. At the present time the re-engagement of a contractor forms part of a project to replace the planters at various locations within the Town.</p> <p>Members discussed the situation and It was AGREED :</p> <p>That the Invoice sum for year 2017 / 2018 be reduced by 50%, and the sponsor notified accordingly that the Council will at a future date undertake a review of sponsorship arrangements.</p> <p>(Proposed by Cllr I. Georgii, seconded by Cllr C. Leach, ALL Members AGREED).</p>	
7.101	<p>DEADWATER VALLEY NATURE RESERVE</p> <p>The report from the Deadwater Valley Trust's Senior Ranger on the Deadwater Valley Nature Reserve for the period 1st January – 31st March 2018 was considered.</p> <p>The above update was NOTED.</p>	
7.102	<p>HIRE FEES FOR EVENTS AT MILL CHASE PAVILION – PRIVATE EVENTS</p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk reported that an enquiry had been received for a private birthday party to be held in the pavilion at Mill Chase Recreation Ground. The hire charge fees do not cover the cost of opening, closing and any additional cleaning within the £10.20 fee charged to regular users and keyholder of the pavilion. Members discussed the situation and it was AGREED :</p> <p>That the cost for private event hire (excluding Council or community hire) at Mill Chase Pavilion be set at £10.20 per hour, to be reviewed as part of the Fees and Charges at the next meeting of Amenities Committee.</p> <p>(This decision is dependant upon staff availability to provide access)</p> <p>(Proposed by Cllr I. Georgii, seconded by Cllr A. Carew, ALL Members AGREED).</p>	
7.103	<p>HOLLYBROOK POND DIPPING PLATFORM – DESIGN SPECIFICATION</p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk presented the initial design stage of the proposed Dipping Platform at Hollybrook Pond provided by the Contractors.</p> <p>Members were in approval of the design shown, subject to the construction of the board surface itself being arranged horizontally to ensure safety of disability chairs; and that the installation of non-slip surfacing on the platform itself.</p> <p>FOR INFORMATION</p>	
7.104	<p>DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT</p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk gave an update on the following ongoing projects :</p> <p><u>BMX Track and Drainage Improvements</u> The work had been delayed due to the poor weather earlier in the year. It had now been scheduled for early June 2018.</p> <p><u>Boardwalk at rear of Savile Crescent Allotment on Green Loop / Replacement bridge at Nature Reserve</u> Both projects were awaiting funding of Section 106 Developer Contributions via East Hampshire District Council, applications were submitted on 5th December 2017.</p> <p><u>Replacement Play Equipment at Malmesbury Road</u> Officers had recently delivered questionnaires to the residential homes surrounding the play area, regarding the options available for replacement</p>	

	<p>equipment. The returned documents would be used to decide any future proposals regarding new play equipment for the area.</p> <p>The above update was NOTED.</p>	
7.105	<p>The Amenities Strategic Plan was presented to Members. The Deputy Clerk explained that recent work priorities and feasibility projects had meant that the Amenities plan had not progressed forward to any degree. The updated Plan will be included in the overall Plan update to Council on 11 June 2018.</p> <p>The above update was NOTED.</p>	
7.106	<p>DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS All Monday's unless otherwise noted</p> <p>2018 – 09 July, 17 September, 29 October, 17 December. 2019 – 04 February, 01 April, 28 May.</p> <p>Held in the Council Chamber, Forest Community Centre, Pinehill Road, Bordon, Hampshire @ 7.30pm, unless otherwise indicated on the agenda</p> <p>The above were NOTED.</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm. During the course of the meeting there were 0 members of the public and 0 members of the press present.

Signed.....
Chairman

Date..... 2018