

LANCING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities & Environment Committee held on Wednesday 10th May 2017 at 7:00pm

Present

Chair: Cllr Geoff Patmore

Committee: Cllrs Ann Bridges, Gina Scotting, Lee Cowen, Lionel Parsons, Liz Haywood

Ex-officio: Cllrs Gloria Eveleigh and Mick Clark (from Minute 5)

Officer: Helen Plant, Clerk and Vally Fish, Assistant Clerk

1. To elect the Chair for this Committee

Cllr Patmore was proposed and seconded. There were no other nominations.

Resolved – That Cllr Patmore be elected as the Chair of the Amenities & Environment Committee for the Municipal year 2017/18.

2. To elect the Vice Chair for this Committee

Cllr Cowen was proposed and seconded. There were no other nominations.

Resolved – That Cllr Cowen be elected as the Vice Chair of the Amenities & Environment Committee for the Municipal year 2017/18.

3. Apologies

Apologies were received, and with the reason outlined, were accepted from Cllr Carol Albury.

4. Declaration of Substitute Members

None.

5. Declarations of Interest

None.

6. Public Forum/Questions

None.

7. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 12 April 2017

Resolved – The Minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. There were no matters arising.

8. Clerks Report(s):-

8.1 Garden Competition

It was noted that the promotion of the Garden Competition had commenced and some entry forms had been received. The Working Group was in the process of organising the prizing giving ceremony.

8.2 Lancing Air Raid Shelters

It was noted that following the primary structural survey, Cllr Patmore was trying to source an excavator to open up the original entrance.

8.3 Monks Rec Improvement Project

It was confirmed that the Working Group met on 11 April and the Notes were circulated for Members' information. The next meeting would be held once the draft design brief had been put together for the group to consider.

Members were advised that the potential costs to create the overall scheme by a Landscape Designer was an unknown entity at this stage. Whilst such costs could be quite large, it might be that the Parish Council could source an alternative option which was being investigated. However, without an overall masterplan, it would be difficult to take the project forward.

Questions were asked as to whether the air raid shelter could be opened up to be included in the heritage trail. Whilst it was known that the entrance had been filled in a few years ago, as it had collapsed, it was hoped that a structural survey might be carried out to establish whether it might be opened up or ensure that the mound was stable enough to be used for a piece of equipment for example.

Resolved – That the information was noted.

8.4 Widewater Causeway and Footpath leading to A259

It was reported that a response had been received from West Sussex County Council concerning the overdue repair works to the causeway over Widewater lagoon. The current funding plan was for the new footbridge and the DDA compliant approach ramps linking the bridge with the promenade to the south and Brighton Road to the north, to be designed this financial year, with construction following on in the 2018/19 financial year.

Resolved – That the information was noted.

8.5 Unveiling Event for the Basque Children Blue Plaque

Members were reminded that the event would take place on 20 May 2017 from 12pm to 4pm and everyone was encouraged to attend. There would be speakers, live music, food and the unveiling of the blue plaque.

8.6 Permitted Colours of Beach Huts

Members were reminded that in the Beach Hut licence agreement, tenants could paint their huts white or other pastel colour as permitted by the Council. However, it was reported that the office had received a complaint regarding a hut that had been painted a colour not considered to be a pastel colour, which the hut owner was disputing. The Committee were therefore requested to clarify pastel colours. A colour chart was available at the meeting to aid deliberations.

Members were shown a photograph of the Beach hut in question and all agreed how nice it looked. With that in mind, it was agreed that the permitted colours should be extended beyond pastel shades.

Resolved – That it be recommended to Council that the Licence agreement be amended so that the colour of Beach Huts can be white or shades of bright and pastel colours, avoiding blacks/browns and similar dark colours, but roofs need to remain the colour of the felt.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm