

LANCING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities & Environment Committee held on Wednesday 14 March 2018 at 7:00pm.

Present

Chair: Geoff Patmore.

Councillors: Carol Albury, Ann Bridges, Liz Haywood, Lee Cowen (from minute 40), Lionel Parsons (from minute 41), and Gina Scotting.

Ex-Officio: Cllr Gloria Eveleigh.

Public and Press: None.

Officer: Vally Fish, Assistant Clerk.

36. Apologies

None.

37. Declaration of Substitute Members

None.

38. Declarations of Interest

None.

39. Public Forum/Questions

None.

40. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 17 January 2018

Pursuant to Committee Minute 34.13/Jan/18, advance notices of the funfair at Monks Rec (May 2018) were distributed between members to deliver to residents (as below). It was noted this event would not include fireworks.

Cllr Albury Grand Ave/West Lane and Crabtree Lane close to Monks Rec (properties close to Monks Rec only)

Cllr Cowen First Ave/Orchard Ave and homes on North Road facing Monks Rec (properties close to Monks Rec only)

Cllr Eveleigh Annweir Ave

Resolved – That the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2018 be agreed as a true and accurate record.

41. Clerk's Report:-

41.1 Monks Rec Improvement Project

The Improvement Project Working Group met on the 30 January 2018 to finalise the consultation survey, including the survey questions and how and where it should take place. It was confirmed that the consultation had gone live on 23 February with details on the Parish Council's website with a link to an online survey, Facebook posts, a stall at the Village Market on 17 February and a table in the Parish Hall on 24 February with the consultation ending on 30 April 2018.

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Members were advised that one member would be required to deliver the consultation boards to the Village Market on Saturday 17 March and be on the stall 9am-11am, which Cllr Patmore offered.

The Group also met on 27 February 2018 to establish further design requirements, e.g. how many changing rooms (to conform with football league requirements)/toilets (for public use as well) and seating numbers if a café were to be included. It was also recommended to the group that a site survey be carried out. This was necessary to gather relevant information as it could determine the precise location, access, best orientation for the site and the location of obstacles. This survey was likely to cost approximately £5,000 but could be paid from the existing project earmarked reserves.

Resolved – (a) That the expenditure of a site survey of Monks Rec be authorised.

(b) That Cllr Patmore delivers the consultation boards to the Village Market on Saturday 17 March before 9am.

41.2 Christmas Festival

The costs and feasibility of the Parish Council holding a stand-alone Christmas Festival event on North Road had been investigated and, due to stall and stall holder availability, it was agreed that the Christmas Festival should be held on Saturday 14 December and organised in conjunction with Adur District Council. It was confirmed that from April 2018, Lancing's Village Market would be located on North Road and Adur District Council had secured a Temporary Road Closure Order at least one year. Members were keen for the entertainment to be similar as last year. Cllr Albury confirmed that a meeting between Adur District and Lancing Parish Councils would be arranged to discuss the event - namely Cllrs Albury, Evans and Eveleigh as well as officers Fiona Burn, John Kerr and Helen Plant.

Resolved – (a) That the 2018 Christmas Festival Budget be approved as £1,500.

(b) That the Christmas Festival stall hire fee remains at £15 per pitch.

(c) Cllr Patmore takes on the role of Father Christmas.

(d) 10:00-10:30 – Sompting Village Choir.

(e) 10:30-11:30 – Lancing Brass Band and carol singing.

(d) Other sources of entertainment (such as Elvis and SRWA) be investigated.

41.3 Beach Green Anti-Tank Block

Pursuant to Committee Minute 34.3/Jan/18, it was confirmed that the anti-tank block had been relocated beside the Council's Beach Green noticeboard, courtesy of Brooker Haulage Limited, and the information panel had been installed.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

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41.4 Royal Wedding Celebratory Event

Whilst the committee had considered the suggestion of a Royal Wedding Celebratory Event, due to competing councillor priorities, it was agreed that the Parish Council does not organise an event. However, as the Wedding is the same day as the village market, Cllr Albury confirmed that it is hoped that stalls at the village market will be decorated accordingly.

Resolved – That the Parish Council does not organise a Royal Wedding Celebratory event.

41.5 World of Widewater - 21st Birthday Celebration of Local Nature Reserve

Members were reminded that WoW are holding a celebratory event on Saturday 21 April 2018 between 2-4pm. Whilst this had been previously reported to be the groups' 21st birthday (Committee Minute 34.5i/Jan/18 refers), it is actually the designation of the lagoon becoming a Local Nature Reserve that is being celebrated. All Members were encouraged to attend.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

41.6 Beach Green Hire requests

i. Swim Safe Open Water Safety Event – 25 to 29 July 2018

A request had been received from Penguins Swim School for the above event to take place. Swim Safe offers free outdoor swimming and water safety sessions for children aged between 7 and 14-years with the aim for children to learn how to keep safe when swimming outdoors.

Resolved – (a) That the hire of Beach Green Area C by Penguins Swim School for a Swim Safe Open Water Safety event be approved.

(b) That the hire fee for the event in (a) above, be waived on this occasion due to the nature of the event correlating with Parish Council objectives.

ii. Big Beach Bootcamp – every Sunday between March to October at 9am for 1 hour

A request had been received for the use of a grassed area on Beach Green to hold fitness classes for a maximum of 10 people to attend. These classes will not interfere with the Great Run Local which also takes place on a Sunday morning.

Resolved – That the Big Beach Bootcamp is authorised to take place on Beach Green and no fee be charged for the use of the green due to the nature of the event correlating with Parish Council objectives.

iii. 'Off-grid' Camp Out – 28-29 April 2018 - Update

Pursuant to Committee Minute 34.9ii/Jan/18, it was confirmed that the above event for the charity Shelterbox 2018 will no longer take place. However, the organiser hopes to rearrange the event next year.

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Resolved – That the information be noted.

41.7 Lancing Air Raid Shelter

i. Survey Update

It was confirmed that following the approval for the cost of a structural survey to be carried out (Council Minute 68.5/Jan/18 refers), this was carried out on 6 March and the written structural condition report is awaited.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

ii. Complaint received regarding previous works

Submitted – a report outlining details of a complaint from Mr Sean Clark regarding his involvement in the initial air raid shelter exploratory inspection. As the complaint related to Beach Green, the Amenities & Environment Committee considered the complaint under the Scheme of Delegation. However, should the complainant not be satisfied with the outcome of the Committee's decision, the matter would be escalated to the Council.

In summary, Mr Clark questioned why he had not been kept informed of the project's progress, why he had not been invited to provide a quote for the official survey when he was given the impression he would be asked as he had stated he would be interested, and why a councillor's 'friend' had given the work.

This matter is considered to be an unfortunate misunderstanding of conversations that took place over a year ago. Mr Clark feels he was given the impression he would be involved in the future of the project, however Cllrs Eveleigh and Patmore stated that nothing was said by them to give Mr Clark that impression and did not receive an indication from him that he wished to remain involved. Cllr Patmore had provided Mr Clark with an apology through Facebook private messenger and Cllr Parsons stated that there had been no intention to cut Mr Clark out of this project. In respect of a councillor's 'friend' being given the work, the company now employed is only known through previous work associations. It was noted that whilst Council regulations/procedures had not been breached in this case, lessons could be learnt to ensure this situation is not repeated.

Resolved – That the Amenities and Environment Committee extend their regret that Mr Clark feels aggrieved over this matter.

41.8 Beach Green Kite Surfing Schools - Renewal of permission to operate

For a number of years, two kitesurfing schools have operated from Beach Green with great success. Members were advised that the schools had requested for the permission to operate be renewed.

It was confirmed that both schools had a very good safety record and are British Kite Sports Association accredited. The same conditions and BKSA

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monitoring regime will apply to the renewal. (It was also noted that BKSA recommendation limit the number of schools that can operate from the Beach Green area to two.)

Members questioned whether there was scope to advertise the schools use on council land and if the council could organise events in conjunction with the schools.

Resolved – (a) That BN1 Kitesurfing School and Brighton Kitesurf and SUP Academy be granted permission to operate from the beach from 1 April 2018 until 31 March 2021.

(b) That investigations be made into advertising and events for and with the schools.

41.9 Beach Green Summer Holiday Attractions

Members were reminded that one of the suggestions received from the children at The Globe School last year was to have ferris wheel/merry-go-round style attractions on Beach Green. A trial of a fairground operator's Playzone on Area B was made during the 2017 school holidays. Whilst the weather dampened the number of days it was possible to operate, the business has expressed an interest to run such a facility again in 2018, along with another operator.

Resolved – (a) That DSH Leisure be permitted to run the Playzone again, along with other attractions such as a roundabout, inflatables and a portable 9-hole crazy golf set.

(b) That payment be set at 10% of the first £100 profit, then 20% thereafter.

41.10 Litter Campaign

Pursuant to Committee Minute 35.3/Jan/18, the Campaign Working Group subsequently agreed to postpone the launch event until Sunday 25 March 2018, still between 10am and 12pm. This was for a few reasons, but mainly to allow Seaside School a longer time to create posters and that the weather should be better!

Event elements include, 3 Mascots (Cigarette Butt/Emoji Poo/Litter Critter) and photo opportunities, music, 'Litter-pick' game and Keep Lancing Lovely display. Reusable drinks bottles printed with the Parish Councils logo and campaign motto have been purchased as 'give-aways'.

Resolved – That Members endeavoured to attend the Litter Campaign launch event.

41.11 Over the Moon Yarn 20/20 – Yarnbombing Proposal

Over the Moon is a non-profit, organisation planning a giant public art exhibition called Yarn 20/20 in June 2018 consisting of decorated buildings

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around Adur with knitted/crocheted pieces and had requested to decorate the exterior of the Parish Hall building for inclusion in the exhibition.

Resolved – That permission be granted for the exterior of the Parish Hall to be yarnbombed as part of the Yarn 20/20 exhibition.

42.0 Other Matters:-

42.1 Beach Green Promenade Lighting Working Group

Due to the resignation of ex-Cllr James Butcher, there was no update given regarding the Promenade Lighting Working Group. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk provides the committee with a summary of the progress made so far to the next meeting to establish the next stage of this project.

Resolved – That the Clerk submits a report of the Beach Green Promenade Lighting Project to the next committee meeting.

43. Future Agenda Items

Cllr Parsons – Encouraging residents to take pride in the area outside of their own home.

Meeting Closed 8:00pm

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