

LANCING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities & Environment Committee held on Wednesday 8 February 2017 at 7:00pm

Present

Councillors: Mick Clark (Chair); Lee Cowen, Lionel Parsons, Geoff Patmore, Gina Scotting

Ex-officio:- Cllr Gloria Eveleigh (Council Chair)

Officer: Helen Plant, Acting Clerk

68. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Carol Albury, Ann Bridges and Liz Haywood.

69. Declaration of Substitute Members

None.

70. Declarations of Interest

None.

71. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 18th January 2017

The Minutes of this meeting were confirmed at Full Council on 1 February 2017. There were no matters arising.

72. Public Forum/Questions

None.

73. Clerks Report(s)

73.1 Beach Green

- i. It was confirmed that the Tesco Bags of Help Offer and Terms of Conditions of Grant in respect of the Access for All Path project had been confirmed and the contractor had advised that work would start week commencing 28 February.

Members expressed their concern in respect of the Car Wash business adjacent to where the path was due to be installed and the waste water that was seen draining from the site onto Beach Green. Cllr Patmore, in his capacity as an Adur District Councillor, advised that he would make the necessary investigations as to whether this was permitted within the business's licence agreement.

- ii. It was confirmed that quotes for the most appropriate and cost effective safety surfacing option to the play area had now been finalised and work was due to start week commencing 20 February 2017.

73.2 Christmas Lighting Contract

It was reported that the Parish Council had come to the end of its 5-year contract with Blachere Illumination for the village's Christmas lighting contract. An updated quotation had been received for a further five years, which included the cost to hire the artificial Christmas tree, the existing 19 motifs and one cross-street braid for North Road and two trees on South Street, to install, dismantle and store, and was within the agreed budget. Members also considered two other comparable quotations received from commercial

lighting companies for the provision of similar displays. Whilst the quotation amounts were within the Acting Clerk's discretion in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations, Members' views were sought in respect of the overall Christmas lighting display. It was agreed that Blachere had provided good value for money and an excellent service during the contract period.

Sponsorship towards the costs of the Christmas lighting display was considered, but as the price of the new artificial tree had been much reduced as it was now within the overall contract amount, it was not considered necessary at this time.

Resolved – That Blachere Illumination be the chosen contractor for the Council's Christmas lighting contract for the period 2017 to 2021.

73.3 Monks Recreation Ground

i. Monks Rec Improvement Project

Members were reminded that, at the first Working Group meeting, two of the improvement suggestions were to create a wild flower patch and to plant more trees, potentially in conjunction with a memorial tree or other tree plant community project.

Cllr Cowen advised that he was keen to progress the suggestion of a wild flower/sensory patch in partnership with The Globe School and sought the Committee's support and approval on the idea.

In respect of the memorial tree project, it was acknowledged that the project needed further thought in respect of which trees would be most suitable and what future maintenance regimes would be required.

Resolved – That the creation of a wild flower/sensory patch be approved.

ii. Keep Lancing Lovely Action Day

It was reported that Keep Lancing Lovely had organised an Action Day to take place on Tuesday, 21 February 2017. As well as carrying out a litter pick, the group would be tidying up and cutting back certain areas of the Rec that had become overgrown and would also be launching the Monks Rec Survey. This would provide an opportunity to engage with the public to establish the community's expectations for the area. Members' were encouraged to support the event.

iii. National Play Day

At the first Monks Rec Improvement Project Working Group meeting, a local resident, Ms Kayleigh Woodison, suggested that a Play Day event should be held at the site. It was reported that Ms Woodison was keen to progress with the idea and had gained a number of supporters for the event to take place in line with the National Play Day date of Wednesday, 2 August 2017.

The Committee wholly supported the event and commended Ms Woodison for her enthusiasm with the arrangements and determination for the event to be a success.

iv. Entrance Bollard

It was noted that the recently installed entrance bollard had suffered product failure and had had to be removed and returned to the supplier. It was anticipated that a replacement bollard would be received shortly.

74. Correspondence Received

74.1 World of Widewater

Members noted details of three events and the Minutes of the WoW meeting held on 30 January 2017 were circulated. It was noted that the Group had discussed the replacement bridge over the lagoon and that the start of the works were likely to be delayed. The Committee agreed that Cllr Patmore, in his capacity as an Adur District Councillor, and Cllr Clark, in his capacity as a West Sussex County Councillor, should pressurise the County Council for the works to be carried out as soon as possible.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Helen Plant
Acting Clerk to the Council
10 February 2017

Signed Chairman
Date