

# LANCING PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities & Environment Committee held on Wednesday 4 March 2020 at 7:00pm.

### **Present**

**Councillors:** Lee Cowen (in the Chair); Ann Bridges, James Butcher, Liz Haywood (Minutes 27 to 32.2vi), Danny Jackson and Geoff Patmore.

**Ex-Officio:** Cllr Mick Clark (Minutes 27 to 32.4i).

**Officers:** Helen Plant, Clerk, Vally Fish, Assistant Clerk and Sarah Parker, Project Officer.

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### **27. Apologies**

None.

### **28. Declaration of Substitute Members**

None.

### **29. Declarations of Interest**

None.

### **30. Public Forum/Questions**

None.

### **31. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 8 January 2020**

**Resolved** – That the Minutes of the previous meeting be approved.

### **32. Clerk's Report**

#### **32.1 Monks Rec Matters**

##### **i. Improvement Project Update**

The Council's new Project Officer, Sarah Parker, was present at the meeting to introduce herself and to provide an update on work progress. A meeting of the Working Group was scheduled for 19 March 2020.

As far as any other progress being made, a community tree planting day would be organised towards the end of March/beginning of April to plant the free hedgerow saplings due to be received from the Woodland Trust. As per the masterplan, these would be located along the southern concrete boundary wall.

**Resolved** – That the information be noted.

##### **ii. Pavilion Water Main Leak**

It was reported that following the receipt of an unusually large water bill for the supply to Monks Rec pavilion (£1668 when it was usually £68 at the same time of year), it was apparent that there was a leak from the main water supply.

A leak detection company had been employed to identify the location of the leak (in the garden of Monks Court), permission from Adur Homes to dig up the garden had been granted and a contractor had been commissioned to carry out the repair. However,

Members recognised that given the age of the pavilion, the pipe was likely to be lead and should therefore be fully replaced if that was the case.

Furthermore, it was considered that the water company should have picked up on the usage disparity and as such, the bill should be challenged.

It was confirmed that the football clubs who were using the pavilion had been advised of the situation.

**Resolved** – (a) That, if the Monks Rec pavilion mains water pipe is lead, the contractor be requested to replace the whole pipe.

(b) That the cost of the water bill associated with this issue be challenged.

## **32.2 Beach Green Matters**

### **i. Beach Green Lighting Update**

It was anticipated that the installation of the scheme would start mid-March 2020.

**Resolved** – That the information be noted.

### **ii. Wildlife Information Panel Update**

It was confirmed that the panels were out for delivery and would be installed upon receipt. It was agreed for the 'Green' panel to be sited along the access path behind the car wash and for the 'Beach' panel to be sited near the telescope.

**Resolved** – That the information be noted.

### **iii. Request to use Lancing beach by Surf Solace (sea-based activities)**

Following the success of last year's pilot scheme, Surf Solace had requested the use of the beach adjacent to the Band Stand to run the scheme again this year.

**Resolved** – Given the nature of the event and that one of the Council's objectives is to improve the quality of life and heathy living of the local community, the use of Lancing beach by Surf Solace be approved and that no hire fee be imposed.

### **iv. Hire request for Annual Filipino Festival 2020**

The use of Area A for the Annual Filipino Festival 2020 on 1 and 2 August 2020 had been requested. Apart from 2016, the event had been held in Lancing for at least 8 years.

**Resolved** – That the hire of Beach Green Area A for the Annual Filipino Festival be approved.

### **v. Beach Green Activity Day**

Members were reminded that in 2018 and 2019, ex-CLlr Eveleigh organised a Beach Green Activity Day for children during the summer school holidays. Participating organisations included Albion in the Community, Lancing Football Club, Disability Football, Lancing Kitesurfing Club, Keep Lancing Lovely, Electric Storm Youth and the Kiosk.

Members views were requested as to whether the event should be organised again and by whom.

**Resolved** – That Electric Storm Youth be asked if the organisation has the capacity to arrange the event.

**vi. Consideration of funding a CCTV system**

In association with Sussex Police and the CCTV Public Space Partnership, investigations to have CCTV installed at Beach Green had been ongoing for some time. A preferred scheme had now been drawn up, with the related costs being £13,000 and ongoing annual maintenance charges of approximately £500.

It was confirmed that the Police did not contribute towards such schemes and there were no suitable grant aid sources. Members views were therefore requested as to whether the scheme was warranted and if so, to recommend to full Council that the scheme be funded from spare General Reserves.

Members considered the camera should have the ability to view in the dark and that it should only observe the green area, not the residential properties to the north.

**Resolved** – That, following the answers to Members concerns, consideration of funding a CCTV system for Beach Green be submitted to the next full Council meeting.

**32.3 Widewater issues**

**i. World of Widewater Visitor Centre update**

It was confirmed that WoW were continuing to explore all grant aid suitable for the project, especially to foot the costs towards the full design plans for the building. With that in mind, WoW was considering becoming a charity or community interest company as either of those statuses could be more beneficial to the group overall.

Details of forthcoming events were also outlined.

**Resolved** – That the information be noted.

**ii. Widewater Footbridge update**

No update was available, but it was understood by a Member that the Section 106 contribution towards the scheme improvements was due to be considered at a forthcoming District Council meeting.

**Resolved** – That, subject to the relevant details of this meeting being found, it be stressed to that meeting how important the disabled access element of the scheme is to the community.

**32.4 Events**

**i. Christmas Festival**

Pursuant to Committee Minute 26.5/Jan/2020, it was confirmed that The Great Little Farmers Goring Road had expressed an interest in joining in with the Lancing Christmas Festival and a meeting with the organisation, along with the Markets Officer and Lancing Traders Association etc., would be arranged shortly.

Members were also asked to come up with ideas for potential new attractions i.e. to include a new showstopping element to the event.

It was also acknowledged that there needed to be better coordination and flexibility from Adur District Council with the overall organisation of the event.

**Resolved** – That the feasibility of the following suggestions be investigated for inclusion in the 2020 Christmas Festival event:-

- Snow Globe
- Hot food
- Local celebrity
- Entertainment, e.g. Steel Band, Rock/School Choir, Sompting Village Morris Dancers.

## ii. **VE Day 75 Commemoration**

It was reported that a few enquiries had been received from members of the public as to whether there was to be a VE Day 75 commemoration in Lancing, over the designated Bank Holiday weekend of 7 - 10 May 2020.

Unfortunately, this was a difficult date for the Council to consider organising an event itself as it coincided with the Parish elections. Adur & Worthing Councils were also not arranging any events, albeit other organisations, such as the Worthing Veterans Association, were.

However, it was confirmed that the Lancing and Sompting Royal British Legion Club were planning a small celebration over the three days but was hampered by a lack of funds.

**Resolved** – That £260.00 from the 2019/20 Events budget be paid to the Lancing and Sompting Royal British Legion Club to enhance the VE Day 75 commemorations.

## iii. **Easter Market**

It was reported that the Council had been asked whether it wished to take part in the Easter Market, scheduled for Good Friday, 10 April 2020. It was confirmed that the Lancing Traders Association were planning a treasure hunt around local retailers but was struggling to provide enough prizes.

**Resolved** – That £100.00 from the 2019/20 Events budget be paid to the Lancing Traders Association to enhance the Easter Market event.

## 32.5 **Keep Britain Tidy – Great British Spring Clean**

Members were reminded that the Council would be participating in the Great British Spring Clean, in partnership with Keep Lancing Lovely, at Beach Green on 29 March 2020 between 10.15am and 12.30pm.

**Resolved** – (a) That Members attend to support the event.

(b) That Tim Loughton MP be invited to the event.

(c) That local schools be encouraged to participate.

## 32.6 **Outdoor Gym Equipment**

It was confirmed that the equipment was due to be installed week commencing 9 March 2020, weather permitting.

**Resolved** – That the information be noted.

### **32.7 Pedestrian safety on Brighton Road**

It was reported that following the recent pedestrian fatality on the A259 Brighton Road, close to the entrance to Beach Green car park, calls had been made to step up pedestrian safety along that point in the road.

However, it was noted that as the existing island adjacent to Marlin Court was due to be upgraded to a Puffin crossing and the fact there was also another pedestrian island to the west near the junction to South Street, initial investigations as to whether another pedestrian crossing could be installed in between those two was unlikely as the bus stop and entrance to the car park being in the same area also had to be taken into account.

Notwithstanding, the installation of a safety barrier at the exit of the path from Cecil Road onto Brighton Road was considered to be worthy safety measure with a request being submitted to West Sussex County Council Highway's department.

**Resolved** – That West Sussex County Council Highway's department be requested to install a safety barrier at the exit of the path from Cecil Road onto Brighton Road.

The meeting closed at 8.36pm.