

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 5th FEBRUARY 2019 IN THE ROSE ROOM OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Cllrs. J Wogan (Chairman), Hill, Pritchitt, Summers & Williams

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. McKinney, Josephson & R Lewin

NOT PRESENT:

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

34/19 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No public present.

35/19 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. McKinney & R. Lewin due to family commitments & Cllr. Josephson due to work.

36/19 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

Name	Min. No.	Category of Interest	Reason
None			

37/19 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2018 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Hill, seconded by Cllr. Summers and were signed as a true record.
- There were no objections to the deletion of the digital transcript of the meeting of 6th November 2018.

38/19 CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

1. Ongoing outside maintenance work awaiting better weather:
 - Cemetery spoil heap and tree planting
 - Chequers flower bed
 - Foresters Green & Ashdown Road bollards
 - Playpark repairs
 - Canal tidying & planting
2. Ongoing works awaiting contractor input:
 - Cemetery wall
 - Rush Green headwalls & grilles
 - Village tree survey
3. Ongoing works awaiting third party responses:
 - Gilham Bank & Spring
 - Ashdown Surgery widening of access

NOTED

39/19 FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Financial position to end January had been previously circulated and was NOTED.
2. Replacement ride-on mower – Cllr. Williams proposed that a ride on mower be purchased as per the quote supplied. This was seconded by Cllr. Hill and AGREED.
3. Replacement street orderly barrow – Cllr. Williams proposed that a barrow be purchased as per the quote supplied. This was seconded by Cllr. Pritchitt and AGREED.
4. Outdoor maintenance training – Cllr. Pritchitt proposed that in principle, a member of the outdoor maintenance team undergo NRSWA training. To be implemented when the Clerk and Committee Chair feel necessary. This was seconded by Cllr. Hill and AGREED.

40/19 ALLOTMENTS

1. Admin Report:
 - 4 people on the waiting list inside the Parish
 - 2 people on the waiting list outside the Parish

- No one on the waiting list for raised beds
 - Vacancy for site rep on the New Site – will be advertised on noticeboards
 - John Coomber & Harry Curtis were thanked for their hard work cutting the hedges around the allotments.
 - A site inspection will be carried out in February/March.
2. Amendments to the plot agreements: These had been previously circulated. Cllr. Wogan proposed that these be accepted as presented. This was seconded by Cllr. Summers and AGREED with 3 for, 1 against and 1 abstention.
 3. Plot holder requests:
 - A request for a small barbeque or small fire pit to be used on a plot – Cllr. Hill proposed that this be refused. This was seconded by Cllr. Pritchitt and AGREED with 3 for and 2 against.
 - A request for permission to have a small mobile chicken run on the grass between 2 allotment plots – Cllr. Wogan proposed that this be refused. This was seconded by Cllr. Pritchitt and AGREED.

41/19 OUTDOOR MAINTENANCE

1. Verge Cutting – The Committee discussed if extra cuts should be undertaken. It was decided to proceed on a 'wait and see' basis.
2. Wealden Spring Clean scheme – Cllr. Williams proposed that a Spring Clean be advertised for residents to clear litter from outside of their property on a day within the dates of the Wealden Scheme. This would be advertised on Facebook, in local publications and on notice boards. This was seconded by Cllr. Pritchitt and AGREED.

42/19 REQUEST FOR A CIRCUS ON FORESTERS GREEN

A request had been received from a circus for the use of Foresters Green. Cllr. Wogan proposed that this be accepted in principle dependant on when and how long for. This was seconded by Cllr. Hill and AGREED.

Cllr. Pritchitt proposed that any circus be informed that if the ground was deemed unsuitable, they would be responsible for reinstating the green to its former state. There was no seconder for this proposal.

43/19 BEST KEPT GARDEN COMPETITION FORMAT

The Committee felt that last year's format had been successful and would therefore remain the same this year. It should be advertised as widely as possible and again, and would only be for gardens visible from the road or a footpath.

NOTED

44/19 CEMETERY

1. Report:
 - Memorials and additional inscriptions approved since the last meeting

Headstone & Base	EB61	Flaig
Headstone & Base	EB85	Holmes
Headstone & Base	EB42	Leung
Headstone & Base	EB62	Tyler
Headstone & Base	EB54	Cox

- Deeds of grant of exclusive right to burial issued since the last meeting

Deed No. 1326	GOR230	Flory
Deed No. 1327	EB57	O'Neill

- Headstones laid down for safety since the last meeting
None
- Deeds of Grant transferred since the last meeting
None

NOTED

2. Cemetery Gates – There was some discussion as to how the weight of the gates would be supported. Subject to that issue, Cllr. Summers proposed that the suggested design for replacement gates and donation towards the cost be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Williams and AGREED.

45/19 CORRESPONDENCE

None

46/19 ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY THIS COMMITTEE OR FULL COUNCIL

Cllr. Summers advised that the surface of the twitten between Spring Meadow and Upper Close was very bad. This would be chased up at the next SLR meeting.

Cllr. Hill said she would draw up a list of 'tolerated encroachments' on village greens (with Cllr. Wogan) for the next Amenities & Services Committee meeting.

Cllr. Wogan advised that as this was the last Amenities & Services Committee meeting of this Council, she wanted to thank all the staff for their hard work in implementing policy and sorting problems out. She also thanked the Committee members for their support and felt that an awful lot had been achieved in this term.

The meeting closed at 9.07pm.

SIGNED.....(Chairman) DATE.....