

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 8th JUNE 2021 IN THE GARDEN ROOM OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Cllrs. J Wogan (Chairman), Hill, Josephson, T Lewin, Pritchitt, Spackman, Summers & Williams

APOLOGIES: Cllr. R Lewin

NOT PRESENT:

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk and Asst Clerk. Ffion Thomas and Stephen King

138/21 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None

139/21 APOLOGIES

Cllr. R Lewin due to a previous commitment

140/21 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

Name	Min. No.	Category of Interest	Reason
None			

141/21 RECORDS OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 9TH MARCH 2021

Cllr. Josephson proposed the minutes of the meeting of 9th March 2021 be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. T Lewin and AGREED.

There were no objections to the deletion of the digital transcript of that meeting.

142/21 CLARIFICATION OF (NON-CONFIDENTIAL) ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

None

143/21 TO NOTE CLERK'S REPORT ON PENDING MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION

1. Ashdown surgery access – This was progressing.
2. Verge bollards – This was on the list to be done.
3. Rush Green culvert facings – A response is awaited from the blacksmiths about grilles.
4. Play area/outdoor gym repairs – On the list to be done. The outdoor gym may need to be looked at again when the skatepark extension is complete.
5. Skatepark extension – Now nearing completion. The tree protection works are in hand. The issue of the VENUe access path (and any associated safety barriers/landscaping) will be considered once the works are complete and the fencing removed. Cllr. Pritchitt asked that it be minuted that she would like a safety check before it is open for use. Notices/disclaimers would be put up.
6. Boundaries to the Groundsman's compound – Now resolved.
7. Gilham Bank grant application – A response is awaited this month.
8. Kickstart scheme – Five names for the outdoor maintenance position have been forwarded to us by the DWP, but the candidates are then required to apply to us in person. Only one has so far done so and has been invited for interview.

NOTED

144/21 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The report to end month 2 had been previously circulated – NOTED

Cllr. Wogan proposed that items 11.1 & 11.3 on the agenda, were discussed at this point. This was seconded by Cllr. T Lewin and AGREED.

145/21 'GROW IN FOREST ROW' PROJECT

Standing Orders were suspended to allow Ffion Thomas to answer questions and there was discussion regarding the project. Standing Orders were reinstated.

Cllr. Josephson proposed that this project go ahead on a pilot trial basis, subject to satisfactory insurance, using the courtyard area (behind the old Venu building) in the Community Centre curtilage. This was seconded by Cllr. T Lewin and AGREED.

146/21 THE 'TINY FARM' PROJECT

Standing Orders were suspended to allow Stephen King to speak about the project. There was much discussion regarding the project. Standing Orders were reinstated.

Cllr. T Lewin proposed that this scheme be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Josephson and voted on. 2 for, 6 against. REJECTED

147/21 ALLOTMENTS

The Allotment manager's report was NOTED.

- a) Water supply – The outdoor maintenance team would shortly install a new water trough.
- b) Site security – the allotments manager had agreed that combination padlocks on the gates would be a good idea. Cllr. Summers asked that this idea be left for the moment.
- c) Cllrs. Wogan and Summers had looked at the noticeboards on the allotment sites, and considered these adequate – but they needed cleaning.

148/21 CEMETERY

The Burial Clerk's report was NOTED

DEED OF GRANT OF EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO BURIAL SINCE THE LAST MEETING

DEED 1353	GOR238	AMY
DEED 1354	GOR140	STOCKLEY

DEEDS OF GRANT TRANSFERRED SINCE THE LAST MEETING

DEED 1142	GOR129	POPE RJ	TO	POPE J
DEED 1152	GOR 140	STOCKLEY D	TO	STOCKLEY R

RENEWAL DEED OF GRANTS

NONE

MEMORIALS AND ADDITIONAL INSCRIPTIONS AGREED SINCE THE LAST MEETING

DEED	G315	HEADSTONE	EICHNER
DEED 1353	GOR238	FLAT STONE	AMY

HEADSTONES LAID DOWN FOR SAFETY SINCE THE LAST MEETING

NONE

149/21 CEMETERY LAND ACQUISITION

Cllr Josephson proposed that the Council takes the Clerk's advice to wait on any purchase until money is obtained from PWLB. This was seconded by Cllr. T Lewin and AGREED .

150/21 TREE WORK

1. Gilham Lane – Responses had been received from East Sussex Rights of Way – the carriageway is the responsibility of the residents fronting the lane, while the ditch is probably a joint responsibility between residents and the Parish Council as riparian owners. NOTED
2. Priority tree works - Cllr. Hill and Wogan would look at the sites and recommend any action required.
3. Tree Planting Schemes – The organiser of the 'New Enchantment' planting scheme can now proceed. Cllr. Hill and the leader of the scheme would contact each other to discuss species and planting etc. The Seasons have also offered some planting and this would be put on the next agenda for discussion.

151/21 OTHER AMENITY ISSUES

1. The Shed Project – There was much discussion regarding this and it was noted that the project content had been endorsed by Community Services and this item was limited to a request for use of the land behind the groundman's garage. Cllr. Josephson proposed that the request be granted so that planning permission could be applied for.
This was seconded by Cllr. T Lewin and voted on. 4 for, 3 against & 1 abstention **AGREED**
2. Bank Slide on Forester's Green – A quote of £ 13,480 had been obtained. This was **NOTED** and would be looked at again in the future when funds enabled.
3. Drinking fountain proposal – 2 sites had been suggested. The JFC field – this was not the Councils land. And Rush Green – it was felt that this would be very expensive and impractical at the present time. **NOTED**
4. Litter problem - The Chairman said that she was concerned about litter collection. The Clerk stated that if the discussion involved any issue about staffing, it would have to be referred to the Personnel Committee in the first instance.
5. Representative to the Committee Structure working group – It was agreed that Cllr. Wogan would represent the Amenities & Services Committee.

152/21 CORRESPONDENCE

None

153/21 ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY THIS COMMITTEE OR FULL COUNCIL

Cllr. Wogan asked that donation of a tree by Seasons be discussed at the next meeting.
Cllr. Hill asked that the state of the 'Gleeson' land be discussed.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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

