

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 9th MARCH 2021 VIA ZOOM AT 7.30PM

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

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. McNally & Williams

NOT PRESENT:

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk and Asst Clerk.

73/21 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None

74/21 APOLOGIES

Cllrs. McNally due to illness & Cllr. Williams due to work.

75/21 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

Name	Min. No.	Category of Interest	Reason
None			

76/21 RECORDS OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 10TH NOVEMBER 2020

Cllr. Josephson proposed the minutes of the meeting of 10th November 2020 be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. R Lewin and AGREED.

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

77/21 CLARIFICATION OF (NON-CONFIDENTIAL) ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

None

78/21 TO NOTE CLERK'S REPORT ON PENDING MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION

1. Ashdown surgery access – There had been a site meeting, but definite plans and timescale were awaited. A wayleave would be sought.
2. Verge bollards – This would be done in the better weather.
3. Rush Green culvert facings – Now completed. There was discussion as to whether a grid was still needed. Cllr Hill can recommend a suitable blacksmith.
4. Play area/outdoor gym repairs – Awaiting improved weather conditions and clarification of any need to re-site any of the outdoor gym equipment required by the skatepark extension. Cllr. Wogan was asked if she would request that Cllr. Pritchitt forward the report regarding disabled access to Members as she had referred to it in an e-mail.
5. Boundaries to the Groundsman's compound – we are awaiting a surveyor's report from the resident disputing the boundary. However, Council believes that the existing boundaries have been in place for many years.

NOTED

79/21 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The report to end month 10 had been previously circulated - NOTED

80/21 ALLOTMENTS

The Allotment manager's report was NOTED. Comments were also NOTED from the allotment representatives.

- a) Water supply – A further water trough on Johnsons Field had been requested. Cllr. Josephson proposed that this be installed subject to siting at a cost of up to £750. This was seconded by Cllr. R Lewin and AGREED

- b) Site security – the allotments manager would be asked if she felt that combination padlocks on the gates would be a good idea in principle.

Cllrs Wogan & Summers would look into whether additional notice boards would be helpful.

81/21 CEMETERY

The Burial Clerk's report was NOTED

DEED OF GRANT OF EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO BURIAL SINCE THE LAST MEETING
NONE

DEEDS OF GRANT TRANSFERRED SINCE THE LAST MEETING
DEED 119 PETERSON TO GREY

RENEWAL DEED OF GRANTS
NONE

MEMORIALS AND ADDITIONAL INSCRIPTIONS AGREED SINCE THE LAST MEETING
DEED 631 725N REPLACEMENT TABLET LUXFORD

HEADSTONES LAID DOWN FOR SAFETY SINCE THE LAST MEETING
NONE

82/21 TO CONSIDER THE CEMETERY LAND ACQUISITION ISSUE

There was animated discussion regarding the borrowing of money for this purpose.

Cllr. Hill proposed that the Clerk be asked to apply to the Secretary of State for consent to apply to the PWLB for a loan for a cemetery extension as a contingency. This was seconded by Cllr. Wogan and AGREED with 1 against.

83/21 TREE WORK

1. Gilham Bank – A grant had been applied for from the Lund Fund.
2. Tree survey works – Cllr. Hill and Wogan would look at the sites recommended for action.
3. The 'shoetree' oak – After discussion, Cllr. Josephson proposed that the Council go ahead with the recommended works for protection of the tree. This was seconded by Cllr. Hill and AGREED with 1 abstention.
4. Tree Planting Schemes – One scheme was still pending, and the organisers would be asked to proceed with the agreed plans.

84/21 MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

1. Government 'Kickstart' scheme – Information had been previously circulated. NOTED
2. Access path to the VENUe – Fencing and other issues were discussed. The Planning Officer would be asked for his advice.
3. Bank slide on Foresters Green – After much discussion, it was agreed that a thorough quote should be obtained and the Health & Safety implications and maintenance etc should be investigated in more detail. Cllr. Wogan proposed that a playground equipment provider be asked to make a site visit (the office to arrange this). This was seconded by Cllr. Summers and AGREED with 1 abstention.
4. Maintenance of Gilham Lane – the Clerk was asked to contact East Sussex County Council Rights of Way to ask them what their plans were regarding the maintenance of Gilham Lane. The Parish Council maintenance team would be asked to keep the top part clear. It was suggested that a notice be put on the website regarding the signage regarding the quality of the water.

85/21 CORRESPONDENCE

None

86/21 ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY THIS COMMITTEE OR FULL COUNCIL

Cllr. Wogan asked that the placement of a plaque on the new skatepark extension be discussed.

Cllr. Josephson suggested that it be considered that the legacy be used for water fountains on Rush Green and at the junior football pitch.

Cllr. Summers suggested that the legacy be used for a small changing building on the junior football pitch.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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