

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 10th MARCH 2020 IN THE ROSE ROOM OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Cllrs. J Wogan (Chairman), Hill, R Lewin, Royall, Summers & Williams

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Josephson & McNally

NOT PRESENT:

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk and Asst Clerk

81/20 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None

82/20 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Josephson and McNally due to work.

83/20 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

Name	Min. No.	Category of Interest	Reason
None			

84/20 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2019 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr.Hill, seconded by Cllr. Royall and were signed as a true record.
- There were no objections to the deletion of the digital transcript of the meeting of 10th December 2019.

85/20 CLARIFICATION OF ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

None

86/20 CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING WHICH DO NOT REQUIRE A DECISION

1. Ashdown Surgery access. There was much discussion on this subject. Cllr. Hill proposed that we should suggest to the surgery that an engineer sketch a drawing of the plans for Parish Council approval. This be done with a view to laying ground reinforcement grids and include enlarging the visibility splays. The Parish Council would then consider granting a wayleave at a nominal rent. NOTED
2. BT exchange forecourt: This has been chased up, and a substantive response is awaited. NOTED
3. Outdoor gym (and playpark) equipment repairs: These have not yet been done due to the adverse weather conditions. NOTED
4. Hopyard verge. The absence of signs has now led to a degradation of the verge by parked vehicles. As soon as weather & ground conditions permit, some anti-vehicle posts will be installed. NOTED
5. Skatepark extension: The family have raised more than half their projected budget and have now received a Wealden grant to complete their funding. It is understood that drawings are now being prepared to support a formal planning application. Plans to be looked at by Council before Planning permission be applied for. NOTED
6. Tree Planting: The agreed tree planting will take place on the weekend of the 28/29th March. The work will be done by volunteers – the maintenance crew will check the sites beforehand to ensure there are no obstructions and afterwards, that the trees have been planted in the agreed places. NOTED
7. Tree Survey: This is progressing. NOTED

87/20 FINANCIAL REPORT

This had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

88/20 ALLOTMENTS

Admin Report as follows:

Allotments Waiting List

- 12 people on the waiting list inside the Parish.
- 2 people on the waiting list outside the Parish.

Raised Beds Waiting List

- Nobody on the waiting list.

Renewals Payments

- All payments now received.

Floods

- Emails and letters are going out to all plot holders asking to retrieve any items that have ventured from their plots and reclaim.
- The maintenance team will be asked to tidy up any items that have been left.

Site Inspection

- Once the weather becomes drier underfoot, Janet will do a site inspection to see how things are progressing after the floods, clean and update noticeboards.

NOTED

The Clerk was asked to write to East Sussex Rights of Way and make a robust request to them to clear the culverts to try to avoid flooding of the allotments and properties in Medway Drive.

NOTED

89/20 PLAYPARK DEVELOPMENT

Cllr Royall had produced a drawing of her proposal with costings. This was discussed and it was decided that only the plans for the path would be pursued at this time.

Cllr. Hill proposed that the plans for a path be investigated further along with further quotes. This should be the minimum width for disabled access. This was seconded by Cllr. Williams and AGREED.

90/20 CEMETERY

1. The Burials Clerk reported as follows:

91/20 MEMORIALS AND INSCRIPTIONS APPROVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING ON 10th DECEMBER 2019

92/20 DEEDS OF GRANT OF EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO BURIAL ISSUED SINCE THE LAST MEETING

DEED 1335	GOR236	BROWN
DEED 1336	EB44	SHUTTLEWORTH
DEED 1337	EB50	ASHE
DEED 1338	EB40	MUNDAY
DEED 1339	EB32	CLARKE

93/20 DEEDS OF GRANT TRANSFERRED SINCE THE LAST MEETING

DEED 1062	GOR117	AINSWORTH
DEED 1122	279	OWEN

94/20 MEMORIALS AND ADDITIONAL INSCRIPTIONS AGREED SINCE THE LAST MEETING

DEED 1324	EB56	LAWN MEMORIAL	WESTMUCKETT
DEED 1334	GOR235	TABLET	WILSON
DEED 1335	GOR236	TABLET	BROWN
DEED 1162	A622A	ADDITIONAL INSCRIPTION	JONES

95/20 HEADSTONES LAID DOWN FOR SAFETY SINCE THE LAST MEETING

None

NOTED

96/20 CEMETERY LAND:

“Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the committee believes that the public and press ought to be excluded from the meeting on the grounds of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.”

Minute No 96/20 is attached as a confidential minute.

97/20 ANNUAL GARDEN COMPETITION

This was discussed and Cllr. Wogan proposed that the Best Kept Garden Competition be suspended for the coming year – the Best Kept Allotment Competition would continue. This was seconded by Cllr. Hill and AGREED.

98/20 REGISTERED FOOTPATHS

Regarding the digitisation of mapping footpaths, Cllr. T Lewin would be asked to clarify which footpaths were under threat and if there were any deadlines. Also, how would this affect permissive paths.

99/20 CORRESPONDENCE

None

100/20 ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY THIS COMMITTEE OR FULL COUNCIL

None.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

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