



Minutes of Amenities and Environment Committee held on 7th March 2018

		Action
	Meeting Commenced at 7.05pm	
768	Attendance: Cllrs Mear, Mansfield, Glynn-Davies, Boggis, Nicklen Sue Tubb – Assistant Parish Clerk	
	2 members of the public	
769	Apologies for Absence: Cllr Bashford – Reason approved Cllr Smith - Reason approved	
770	Declarations of interest by councillors on any of the agenda items below: None	
771	Request for DPI Dispensations: None	
772	Public Participation: 3 Members of the public	
773	Minutes of last meeting: 7 th Feb 2018. Agreed and signed as a true record	
774	Millfield Planters – Cllr Mear to update and consider the three quotes to repair planters and consider public liability implications . Cllr Mear has spoken to Adur about possibility of employing Andy (the caretaker from Lancing Parish Council) they have no objection. This would mean Sompting Parish Council employing him on a zero hours contract. Cllr Mear to meet with LPC Clerk to discuss with her about using Andy. Assistant Clerk read out implications of using someone without Public Liability Insurance – that had been distributed with agendas. Cllr Mear to get quote from Andy in writing, quote from another builder that he knows and requests Clerk to obtain quote from another local builder. Member of public said whole thing taking far to long.	Cllr Mear Cllr Mear Clerk
775	Public toilets Sompting Recreation Ground – To consider the way forward after considering all the options The Assistant Clerk read out e mails that the Clerk had obtained from other Parish Councils as to how their public toilets are administered. She also read out another option, that had been received that morning from Adur District Council – to just open and close the toilets daily – this was for £7.50 per day (£2737.50 for 365 days) . The committee considered this and the previous options that were available. Resolved: Clerk to set this option (noted above) for daily opening and closing by Adur in motion and our caretaker to clean toilets during the week when he is on duty.	Clerk

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Guttering on Public Toilets - Discuss update on new guttering

It was suggested that Andy – see Item 774 – be asked to do the work of installing new guttering and a downpipe.(that were missing) while he was doing the other work for Sompting Parish Council. Cllr Mansfield would be happy to list the materials needed for the job. It was felt that when this was done – the rainwater collected would have the effect of flushing the drainage system through to alleviate some of the problems.

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Memorial Bench – Discuss siting of Memorial Bench – Final Update then Clerk to instruct WSCC accordingly

Photos of the Memorial Bench design were passed round. The design was thought to be very good.

Resolved – to go ahead with the necessary plans to order bench and have installed at the Hill Barn site as agreed in previous minutes– in conjunction with Sompting Big Local.

Clerk

A discussion followed about siting of the bench that is being replaced at Hillbarn. Cllr Nicklen suggested at the junction of Halewick Lane and Meadowview Road. This would need a licence as a new site. This was to be put in motion after the bench was moved

Whilst discussing that Cllr Mansfield suggested it would also be nice to have a bench near the Sompting sign at the end of Cokeham Road. Another suggestion was to have a map at the Sompting Festival and let residents make suggestions of where they would like additional benches sited.

At the end of this item – it was suggested that maybe the Tree Planting budget be used for benches – as it is not being used for tree planting at present. It was decided to discuss this on the next agenda in April.

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Joyce Burns Memorial Plaque – Cllr Mear/Mansfield to update on installation of memorial plaque – and decide suitable dates

Cllr Mansfield said the plaque was on the wooden plinth and ready to be installed. It was decided that this should be on the wall above the flower bed outside the Harriet Johnson Centre and Cllr Mansfield agreed to do this. Cllr Mear had been in contact with the family and they felt a ceremony would be better held in May when the weather was better and the flower bed would be in bloom.

Date of Next meeting – 4th April 2018

Meeting finished 7.50pm

