



Minutes of Amenities and Environment Committee held on 3rd January 2018

		Action
	Meeting Commenced at 7.05pm	
742	Attendance: Cllrs, Mear, Mansfield, Glynn-Davies, Nicklen Sue Tubb – Assistant Parish Clerk	
743	Apologies for Absence: Cllr Bashford – Reason approved Cllr Smith – Reason approved 2 members of the public	
744	Declarations of interest by councillors on any of the agenda items below: None	
745	Request for DPI Dispensations: None	
746	Public Participation: None	
747	Minutes of last meeting: 6 th December 2017 – agreed and signed as a true record by Cllr Mansfield as Cllr Mear not at December meeting	
748	Millfield Planters -- To discuss update on planters and way forward. Cllr Mear stated that he had received a quote of £1000 (max). This would be to take the top two layers of bricks off all the planters, to use these bricks to replace any damaged bricks lower down and replace top two layers with new bricks. Cllr Mear would source bricks from Travis Perkins and have them delivered to Harriet Johnson Centre. Cllr Mansfield queried if the contractor had the right insurance – which he has. The local resident queried if other quotes had been obtained – Cllr Mear said yes and they had been higher. This matter is to be resolved at the next meeting. A discussion followed re the contents of the planters – Cllr Mear favoured slate chippings/bark/shrubs – but concern was shown from the residents that slate may be dangerous and could be thrown by vandals causing damage. Another suggestion was a mosaic and this could involve Community Engagement It was also thought that the suggestion of panel lighting in the area was a good one	
749	Public toilets Sompting Recreation Ground – Discuss ongoing arrangements for opening/ closing etc. Assistant Clerk read out Clerks reply to the suggestion in previous minutes regarding employing an outside cleaner – it was felt this was not viable in the way suggested. She also stated that the Clerk was obtaining quote for a self-locking mechanism.	

Cllr Mear reported he had spoken to Leighton – who in principle would be willing to open and close the toilets 7 days a week as he is in the area caring for his horses. Although this was a good suggestion – concern was shown as there are times when he would be on holiday or off sick. It was decided to await the quote and discuss at the next meeting

Cllr Mansfield queried about the guttering - Clerk to check if there is enough in budget to do this financial year and let him know. Clerk

There was a discussion regarding state of sewers by the toilets. Cllr Glynn Davies suggested that maybe Southern Water would come and do a check on their current state. It was thought that before this was done, the Clerk should clarify who was actually responsible by checking the wording of the lease. Clerk

750 **Noticeboard Removal Western Road (re siting Bowness Ave)**
The Assistant Clerk handed round the quote from 'The Handyman' for £265

Resolved - the work should go ahead as there is money in the budget to do this. They favoured the option for 'The Handyman' not to lay the turf thus reducing the cost. Cllr Mansfield offered to do this himself. Clerk to instruct 'The Handyman to go ahead as above. Clerk

751 **Memorial Bench** – Assistant Clerk to give update - Councillors to decide way forward.
The Assistant Clerk reported that contact had been made with WSCC regarding an alternative site for the bench near Hillbarn traffic lights. This was found to be just inside the Highways England boundary – so Highways England have been contacted and we are awaiting an answer. This was to replace the current bench sited there, with the Memorial one.
Some Councillors felt strongly that the best place would still be by the Sompting Sign and asked if the Clerk could check the amount of Public Liability Insurance and if this would not cover it – to obtain a quote for the additional needed. Clerk
Cllr Nicklen also thought that there is a need for an additional seat – half way up Halewick Lane. If the one at Hillbarn was removed could this be re-sited there. (He feels that the condition of that is reasonable). When checking the Public Liability Insurance – could this suggestion be factored in.

752 **Dormice Boxes** – Discuss whether SPC are willing to fund dormice boxes from Conservation budget.
The Assistant Clerk read out the details the cost being - £3.50 x 50 = £175. Councillor Nicklen queried where they would be sited and this would be clarified.
Resolved – the committee agreed to fund the boxes from the Conservation budget. Clerk

753 **Date of Next meeting – 7th Feb 2018**

754 **Meeting finished 8.15pm**

