



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

		Action
	Meeting Commenced at 7.05am	
872	Attendance: Cllrs Mear, Glynn-Davies, Nicklen, Bashford, Smith Asst Clerk – Sue Tubb	
873	Apologies for Absence: None	
874	Declarations of interest by councillors on any of the agenda items below: None	
875	Request for DPI Dispensations: None	
876	Public Participation: None	
877	Minutes of last meeting: 5 th September 2018 – these were agreed and signed.	
878	Toilets on Sompting Rec: Assistant Clerk advised the Members that the proposed work on the toilet block should begin around 29 th October 2018. The contractor will inform us of exact date.	
879	Sompting Rec – New Building : Cllr Glynn Davies suggested that it would be good to have a new building on Sompting Rec (there was one in the past). She said that Adur District Council were unlikely to have any funds available. Suggestions were made that if other sports such as cricket, hockey or walking football were considered, that there may be a greater need for a building. It was agreed to look at the possibility of obtaining funding elsewhere. Cllr Mear – to approach the Sports Council Cllr Glynn-Davies to approach, Brighton and Hove Albion, Rampion (and to enquire at SBL - re cricket.) Item to be placed on next agenda	Cllr Mear Cllr Glyn-Davies Assistant Clerk
880	Memorial Bench – Assistant Clerk advised that a contractor has been appointed to install the seat by the end of October. There is to be a ceremony on Saturday 10 th November at 2pm by the new bench at the A27/ Halewick Lane junction. Cllr Mear also reminded that there will be a remembrance service on Sunday 11 th November at St Marys Church.	
881	Planters – Assistant Clerk showed the recent quote from the contractor. Libra Property Management for £4500 which was considered too expensive. Cllr Mear suggested an alternative to encase the planters in railway sleepers. It was thought a good suggestion but there was a query as to whether this would make the footpath too narrow. Cllr Mear will measure and inform the Clerk of the details. The Clerk is then requested to obtain a quote from the same	Cllr Mear Clerk

- contractor for this alternative suggestion. Also to obtain a quote from Meakers for this work as well. They may want to sponsor it as a local company. Clerk
- 882 **Noticeboard replacement** – Assistant Clerk showed prices of noticeboards that were the same style as the one outside Harriet Johnson Centre and an email from Adur DC advising that planning permission is necessary and the fee will be £117.
The Committee have questioned the need for Planning permission but would like to proceed in the near future They want to go ahead with 2 x 12 A4 noticeboards if the posts were suitable. Clerk
- (Update the Clerk is seeking further advice from Adur DC and will update when a reply is received)
- 883 **Multi Agency Working Group – Anti Social Parking** – Cllr Glynn Davies showed the posters that Cllr Baxter had produced and asked for feedback on the two that were liked best. It was decided that the yellow one (Please Park Responsibly) and Think before you Park (adding in breach before Sec 72) - maybe with alternative wording 'Thank you for parking Responsibly'. The finance committee had agreed a budget of £100 for these to be printed. Cllr Glynn-Davies to inform Cllr Baxter of alterations. Cllr Bashford enquired if this was all within the law and Cllr Glynn-Davies said yes as it was part of Operation Crackdown. Item to be placed on next agenda. Cllr Glynn Davies Asst Clerk
- 884 **Local Traffic Survey** – Cllr Glynn Davies reported that the traffic survey had been completed and we were now awaiting results. Cllr Nicklen was pleased with the locations that the survey took place. Cllr Glynn-Davies had initial feedback from Road Runner that although there is a lot of traffic, the situation seems to be managed generally quite well in Sompting.
- 885 **Sustainable Transport – North Sompting** – Cllr Glynn- Davies had contacted Dial – a Ride as requested and was informed that as Adur DC had withdrawn all funding – they can now only use volunteers this means they are closed on Sundays. The possibility of hiring the SBL bus or Dial-a-Ride bus at weekends was discussed but Members are concerned about the current legislation surrounding this. It was thought a smaller vehicle calling at the hospital, Lyons Farm and the station would be a good idea. Cllr Nicklen to investigate and report back to next meeting. If this is a possibility an item should go in the next Sompting Signpost asking for drivers Cllr Nicklen Asst Clerk
- 886 **Millfield Outdoor Leisure Facility** – Nothing to report as there had not been another meeting.
- 887 **Adur Homes** – Cllr Glynn-Davies had talked to residents in Millfield about the plans for improving the area. It was felt that Sompting Parish Council were not being kept 'in the loop' enough as to what the £1.8 million from Adur DC is being spent on. They requested that a letter be sent to Head of Adur Homes by the Clerk, on behalf of the A & E committee (with copy to Carson Albury) to the effect that SPC would like to be better informed on a regular basis as to what is happening at Millfield so that SPC Councillors can strongly represent their local residents. Cllr Mear would be local contact as he is ADC Councillor for that ward. Clerk
- 888 **Tree Planting Budget inc. interest by Sompting Village Primary School** - Cllr Glynn- Davies proposed that SPC purchase 3 – 5 larger saplings for the grounds of Sompting Village primary school – at approximately £25 each as smaller saplings may get damaged. This was discussed and it was generally thought to be a good idea and will be decided at November meeting. Asst Clerk

Cllr Glynn-Davies reported there had been a meeting that morning at

Malthouse Meadow with (*Head of Parks and Open Spaces ADC, Sompting Estates, Sustainable Sussex, Conservation officer SPC and an interested member of the public*) to discuss the way forward.

Adur DC were very positive about the area and said we need to show a process to develop the site. They will explore legal caveats to see if it is ok for SPC to go ahead and plant trees.

Cllr Glynn Davies will produce a flow chart of what is to happen.

Sompting Estates will explore what is required ecologically and the Conservation Officer and the member of the public agreed to monitor this. When this has all been finalised, it would be good to get local Scouts and Guides involved and we need to gather local support and need to promote the Community in the Countryside. Members decided not to apply for saplings from Woodland Trust at present. Put article in next Sompting Signpost.

Asst
Clerk

- 889 **Halewick Lane** – Contractors had now cleared access after the flooding. Members are still fearful that there may be a repeat if the rain was hard enough. It appears that clay has been put on to cap the area which was not thought to be a good idea as the water would just run off. Cllr Glynn- Davis read out answers to her questions that she had put to WSCC about the situation. She had also contacted Adur District Council. Cllr Glynn Davies still requires answers to some questions and her next route is to contact the Environment Agency. A & E are going to monitor the situation. Add item to next agenda.

Asst
Clerk

Councillors requested that the Clerk made enquiries as to the proposed electrical storage facilities at the top of Halewick Lane.as to the implications and environmental impact on the area.

Clerk

- 890 **Growing Wild** – This project would be looked at in the future to see if any funding is available

- 891 **Budgets** – The Assistant Clerk went through the budget and it was noted that some items are to be moved to the Centre Committee - Sompting Festival, Christmas Festival, Community Centre Garden, Air Raid Shelter. Noted

- 892 **Budget 2019/20** – The Assistant Clerk highlighted that there was a significant increase requested in the budget provision for this committee – this was noted. It will be considered with all other budgets in November

- 893 **Date of next meeting Wednesday 7th November 2018**

The meeting closed at 9pm

Signed Chairman.....Date.....