



Draft Minutes of Amenities and Environment Committee held on 6th March 2019

- Meeting Commenced at 7.00 pm **Action**
- 916 **Attendance:** Cllrs Glynn-Davies, Godley, Mear and Aulton
Cllr Holland - observing
- Asst Clerk S. Tubb**
- 917 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Baxter
Absent: Cllr Nicklen
- 918 **Declarations of interest by councillors on any of the agenda items below:**
None
- 919 **Request for DPI Dispensations:** None
- 920 **Public Participation:** None
- 921 **Minutes of last meeting:** 7th November 2018 – these were agreed and signed.
- 922 **New Volunteer Conservation fund:** Beggars Bush is the main project highlighted but it was agreed it would need a large investment. Cllr Glynn-Davies agreed to have a look at the application form. Clerk to email link to her, but this may not take priority, due to work around Adur Local Plan Clerk
- 923 **Malthouse Meadow:** Cllr Glynn-Davies said that the coppicing had started by the entrance and it had been very successful. There had been a recent very positive meeting with lots of ideas of how to develop the site further. Ideas included a fenced wildlife pond, a roundhouse and wildflower meadow. Cllr Glynn-Davies is meeting with the Rangers and the headteacher of Sompting Village Primary very soon to see if the children could design a display board with ideas for its future. There is a need to work more closely with residents surrounding the site and to keep them informed of work being done. Maybe consider a leaflet to those residents.
Sustainable Sussex are also looking into extra funding.
Sustainable Sussex are to take the lead - managing volunteers, risk assessments and the insurance.
Sompting Estates are happy that an option of entrances into the Community Orchard may be possible and make the area more accessible to dog walker. An option of a stand pipe is being investigated.
- 924 **Memorial Bench, Halewick Lane:** After discussion it was decided to defer this item to the next meeting as there may be an option that the bench could be re-sited in Nelson Close. Cllr Holland to communicate with Nelson Close residents. (Permission may need to be sought from the relevant landowner) Another suggestion was that maybe the bench could be donated to the local cemetery. Asst Clerk

- 925 **Planters:** Adur District Council are still looking at the possibility of undertaking some work in this area, maybe with additional funding from Sompting Big Local. Clerk to contact ADC and request that they contact her if any progress is made in this area. Agreed to remove item from agenda until any action is needed. Clerk
- 926 **Noticeboard at Marquis.** The meeting thanked Cllr Godley for arranging to have the old broken noticeboard removed. Councillors considered three quotes and agreed that a wooden noticeboard be purchased (Hardwood Wall Mounted) size A1.(8 sheets of A4) from Fitzpatrick Woolmer. Clerk to proceed to order. Asst Clerk
- 927 **Multi Agency Working Group – Anti Social Parking.** Although WSCC are also doing a campaign re anti-social parking, it was agreed that the SPC still wanted to do a ‘Community Lead’ campaign in the local area near the school and Test Road. It was decided to defer to next agenda and contact Cllr Baxter to see when the proposed leaflets/posters will be available.
- 928 **Sustainable Transport – North Sompting –** Cllr Godley requests this be deferred to the next agenda as she has a meeting with WSCC on 13th March to investigate the need and discuss what options are available. Asst Clerk/
It was also mentioned that there are no current bus timetables in the bus stops – bus Companies to be contacted to rectify this. Clerk
- 929 **Adur Homes – Millfield –** Assistant Clerk reported that SPC are still awaiting the full project plan from ADC and had been chasing this. It was noted however that this only covered external works to Millfield. Cllr Mear said originally the £1.8 million allocated, was for Millfield alone, but now it was being shared with the larger estate at Bushby Close. It was mentioned that there are families some with many problems at Millfield and it was still thought a designated play area was a priority. Clerk
Clerk to contact ADC to see when next meeting is so that Cllr Mear and Mansfield can attend. Clerk
- 930 **Halewick Lane – Flooding** Cllr Holland gave a brief history to the committee saying that the flooding had affected her property in Nelson Close as far back as 1991 and the last incidence in August 2018 had been nearly as bad. There had been a public meeting on 20th February with a number of members of the public attending. Problems highlighted were - clay capping, geology, landfill, site changing hands and site management not being kept up to date. Further to the public meeting on 20th February, a round table meeting took place with most stakeholders present. Some important action was identified. Mr Tim Laughton MP has stated that a large amount of money may need to be spent by WSCC to ensure that the problem is tackled once and for all.
- 931 **Budgets 2018/19 –** It was noted that some items were underspent and some overspent. The main issue was the problem of the large water bills for the toilets on the recreation ground. The Clerk is in consultation with Business Stream regarding the potential leak. Clerk
- The meeting closed at 8.20pm
- 932 **Date of next meeting Wednesday 3rd April 2019**

Signed Chairman Date

