

Bransgore Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Tuesday, 13th September, 2016 in the Small Hall, The Village Hall, Burley Road, Bransgore at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. C. Thurston (In the Chair), Cllr. R. Frampton, Cllr. R. Mills and Cllr. M. Steele.
Edwin Macknamara - Clerk to the Council
Mr. A.B. Dench (Bransgore Croquet Club), Mrs. K. Davies (Jack and Jill),
Mr. N. Eames (Bransgore Youth Football) and Mrs. C. Parker.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None
DEMOCRATIC SESSION: None

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Cllr. J. Lay, Mr. D. Lay (Bransgore Cricket Club) and Mrs. M. Gallacher (Bransgore Netball Club).
2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING - 12th July, 2016
The minutes of the meeting held on the 12th July, 2016 having been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
3. MATTERS ARISING: None
4. CORRESPONDENCE:
 - a) Dogs Off Leads: The Clerk read an email from a local resident regarding dogs at the Recreation Ground. The current Bye Laws were not enforceable and the powers contained in the Anti-Social Behaviour: Crime and Policing Act, 2014 had not been adopted in the New Forest. It was, therefore, suggested that the current signs should be replaced seeking cooperation of responsible Dog Walkers to keep their dogs on leads and clear away as necessary. Dog bins were already available on site.
 - b) Remembrance Sunday, 13th November, 2016: The Clerk circulated details for the Remembrance Day Service to be held on Sunday, 13th November, 2016.
An application for the Road Closures had been made to New Forest District Council and for assistance from the Police on the day.
Mrs Parker explained that she had volunteered to support the Parish Council in tidying the War Memorial area in the short term and the Meyrick Estate had recently carried out work to the adjoining hedge line. It was further proposed to clear the moss from the cobble stones and improve the lettering on the memorial itself. The stonework would also be cleaned if time permitted. Members welcomed this work.
At this time, it was not felt appropriate to provide seating in this area or remove the chain fencing in view of the safety implications. However, it was proposed to provide additional finance in the budget for 2017/18 to enable further work to be done in time to mark the end of the 1st World War 100 years previously. This would be referred to the next Finance, Policy and Human Resources Committee.
Cllr. Frampton agreed to provide the machinery needed to clean off the moss on the surface and he would do this work in October.
 - c) Shelving – Cricket Store Room – Pavilion: The Cricket Club had requested permission to install additional shelving in the storage area. The work would be done at the Cricket Club's cost. No objection was raised.
 - d) Seats – Children's Play Area: A request had been received to install a bench adjacent to

the Children's Play Area.

Mrs. Parker reported that after consultation with other parents she would like to ask the Parish Council to provide a trim trail and a zip wire. An indication of the cost of these items were reported to the meeting. There was some discussion on the possible siting for these additional items but it was agreed that further investigation and a feasibility study was required including possible locations should be undertaken for further discussion at the Finance, Policy and Human Resources Committee on the 27th September, 2016. The Clerk would also obtain information on possible grant sources. An appropriate figure for all projects could then be considered.

5. RECREATION GROUND AND PUBLIC OPEN SPACE:

a) Concrete Table Tennis Table: The Clerk asked if this item could be deferred as he was awaiting further information.

RESOLVED: That this item be deferred.

b) Football Nets: The Clerk reported that two brackets had been repaired. The Youth Football Club would check if any other brackets needed to be repaired.

c) Football Training: The Youth Football Club advised that they would not be using the Pavilion site for training over the winter months.

6. HALL USERS' OBSERVATIONS: None

7. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS: None

8. PAVILION MATTERS: Decoration: The Clerk reported that JR Murphy and Co. Ltd would be decorating the Pavilion (Internal) commencing in November. The Small Hall in the Village Hall would also be included in the work.

9. PAVILION SITE: Youth Football: The Youth Football Club had now marked out their pitches. The drainage work done over the summer should improve the area.

10. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

a) **Financial Report:** The Financial Report (Budgets) for the period ended 31st August, 2016 was presented and noted.

b) **Village Hall Maintenance:** The Clerk reported that quotations had been requested for the replacement of the doors (old Committee Room) and Soffits at the Village Hall.

RECOMMENDED: That the quotation received from Christchurch Home Improvements be accepted. (Soffits £675 and Doors £980)

11. DEMOCRATIC SESSION: No items were raised.

12 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 11th October, 2016 in the Small Hall, Village Hall, Bransgore at 7.45pm

The meeting concluded at 8.29 pm.

Chairman.....

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