

HALSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2012 AT 19.00 IN THE PAVILION, STATION ROAD

PRESENT: Cllr. Jeff Baldwin - Chairman
Cllr. Barrie Blundell
Cllr. Chris Ford
Cllr. David Taylor, Chairman of Council

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk

The meeting convened at 19.40

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Grosvenor who was unwell. Members signed the attendance register.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

3 PLAY AREA

Replacement tile safety surface. Low risk in RoSPA report.

Wicksteed Leisure originally installed the surface but do not repair it as it cannot be guaranteed. The area affected is under the swings, slide and the Delta special item in the junior area.

Quotation for Eco-tumble safety surface totals £8,114.40. Please note Eco-tumble is put over the existing surface.

Quotation for Black Eco Fleck Wet Pour; lifting tiles & placing to one side; new pcc edging totals £11,212.

This item will be discussed at the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

The concrete areas at entrance to the play-area and entrance to toddlers area requires replacing. Quotes to be source.

4. WINTER PROGRAMME & RISK ASSESSMENT

The sand is stored with Mr Jeff Sellers. It was agreed that he would be contacted to see if he would fill the salt bin at the entrance to the Recreation Bin as it is needed. He will use some of the grit to salt Shoreham Lane.

At this time no one has volunteered for the Winter Emergency Team. It was agreed that someone would be required to lead a team if one is formed.

An agreed easily accessible area is required for some of the grit as Mr Sellers should not be inconvenienced by callers.

It was agreed that the Pavilion car-park would be closed in extreme weather conditions. Access would still be available for walkers by the prow. Mr Bowen will be contacted and asked to place a sign on the gate.

The Clerk will decide if the car-park or halls should be closed after receiving weather up-dates from Kent Highways and speaking with an available councillor. This information will be available on Council's website.

5. DEFIBRILLATOR

Documents were circulated. Cllr. Grosvenor will be attending a first aid course on Friday 7 December which includes using a defibrillator. Halstead, Knockholt and Badgers Mount Ward are in a Hot Spot due to the number of coronary arrests and statistics for ambulance cover.

Training is given by the supplier of the appliance. The District Council are supporting the initiative possibly District Councillors' community fund might be supportive. The defibrillator must be easily accessible and not locked away. The appliance 'speaks' to the user so training is not required to use it. It is covered by guarantee for seven years.

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6. UPDATE ON HIGHWAYS MATTERS

6.1 Yellow lineage crossroads.

Mr Andy Bracey advises that it was agreed at the JTB meeting that this would be included with the next round of formal consultations. These will be possibly from March-May 2013. The JTB minutes did not state that the consultation would take place immediately.

6.2 Installation of SID - posts and device.

Five emails have been sent to Laura Squires; there has been no response; Cllr. Parry was included in this mailing and he has also not replied.

It was suggested that local KALC rep. who liaises with Kent Highways might be able to assist. It was also suggested that a letter should be written to KCC portfolio holder.

7. INFORMATION

Cllr. Baldwin remarked that the tenants in 39 Southdene are still parking on the grass verge with their three cars.

He suggested that Kent Highways be contacted and asked to replace the grass then invoice West Kent Housing Association. Numerous telephone calls and letters have been written to West Kent concerning this all to no avail.

Cllr. Taylor suggested that the Parish Council considers installing bollards.

The meeting closed at 20.30