

HALSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3 MARCH 2011 AT 17.00 IN THE PAVILION, STATION ROAD .

PRESENT: Cllr. Jeff Baldwin -Chairman
Cllr. Barrie Blundell
Cllr. Terry Brooker
Cllr. Karen Grosvenor

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk

Prior to the meeting the Committee and Clerk had inspected the play equipment in the Play Area.

The meeting convened at 17.15

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accept from Cllr. David Taylor who was unwell. Committee members signed the attendance register.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Nil.

3. PLAY AREA

It was agreed that it was not viable to repair the Bubble Climbing equipment as this would cost in the region of £1000 and would still be out of date.

It was agreed to look into grants for a replacement piece of equipment and ask the advice of children and parents before purchasing anything.

It was agreed that Cllr. Baldwin would cost the price of wood to repair the multi-play and the memorial bench. The Clerk would ascertain the cost of 'mock-wooden seating' provided by Waitrose.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to get a brochure for over 60s exercise equipment as he thought this would be well used.

It was agreed that this could not be placed in the children's area and consultation should be carried out before purchasing any such equipment.

It was suggested that Cllr. Brooker could suggest the inclusion of this as a question in the CLP questionnaire.

The matter of the replacement of the two cradle seats was over-looked by mistake.

4. PAVILION

It was agreed that the main hall, toilet facilities and lobby require decorating. The Clerk will prepare a specification for circulation to the Committee. The Committee suggested that the walls be painted magnolia.

Signs will be posted in the Pavilion prohibiting the wearing of football boots and cricket shoes in the Pavilion.

5. ALLOTMENTS

There had been no response from Mr Latheron following his last email in February.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact District Cllr. Gary Williamson for assistance.

The Clerk has spoken to Mr Dave Elliott who will be pleased to provide a quotation to clear the land.

Cllr. Blundell suggested that some of the plots be divided into half size plots.

Discussion took place on the provision of a car park for allotment holders with the intention of preventing any restriction of access for residents of Beldam Haw.

6. INFORMATION

Cllr. Grosvenor mentioned that the services of a handyman/woman on a casual basis would be useful to ensure that the play area, car park etc are kept clean and tidy.

After discussion Cllr. Baldwin proposed that the idea of inviting quotations for a contractor to undertake a few hours work a month should be put to the full Council; carried unanimously.

The meeting closed at 18.35