

HALSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 25 JULY 2011 AT 18.00 IN THE PARISH ROOM, CHURCH ROAD

PRESENT: Cllr. Jeff Baldwin -Chairman
Cllr. Barrie Blundell
Cllr. Chris Ford
Cllr. Karen Grosvenor

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk .

The meeting convened at 18.00

1 APOLOGIES

All members were present. Members signed the attendance register.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Nil.

3 PLAY AREA

3.1 Bins.

The new bins have been delivered. A quotation has been received from Dunbrik Depot to install. Cost is £57.50 per bin. The Clerk is able to authorise this payment under financial regulations. It was agreed this should be actioned as soon as possible.

3.2 Play equipment repair.

The parts for the Discovery Multi Play have been ordered but the installation work will not be carried out before 1 September. This is because the piece of equipment is no longer made and the parts are being made specially.

It was agreed to get a price to replace the wood and repaint the Levercrest Multi-Play.

3.3 Bench.

A Knockholt Councillor dealt with obtaining the free recycled bench from Waitrose for her Council. She is making enquiries on Halstead's behalf .

3.4 Signage

Still outstanding.

4 PAVILION

4.1 Replacement Cigarette Containers

These were kicked off the building by three youngsters at the same time as the boot scraper was broken. The Clerk will source these but only two will be replaced.

4.2 Replacement Boot Scraper

The Clerk will source prices. It could be in the region of £250-£300.

4.3 Entrance Door

The door jammed again and the only way to open it was through the sports end. A locksmith visited and lowered the horizontal rod and the top catch. He says there is no point in replacing the whole mechanism and the smooth handle can only be replaced by a lever handle which is easier to break off.

4.4 Redecoration

Due to the expenses being incurred with play area repairs it was agreed to leave this item for discussion until later in the year.

5. FOOTBALL CLUB

The Senior Club has carried out repairs to the pitch which cost £200.They have requested reimbursement.

The matter was discussed at great length and several points were noted. The Cricket Club pay for its own square maintenance; the Senior football Club has had a reduction in licence fee which covers use for Saturdays and one evening per week training; the Junior Football Club pay more for Sunday only usage than the Seniors.

The Chairman proposed that the Senior Football Club are not reimbursed for the £200 but it will be suggested to them that they liaise with the Clerk when they are next purchasing the grass seed and soil for her to try and obtain competitive prices. Carried unanimously. This proposal will be put to Council on 8 August.

6. SPEED WATCH

It was agreed that the Speed Watch Team needs resurrecting. A training day will be organised for late September and an article put in the next newsletter advising readers of the date and requesting volunteers. Cllr Ford will speak to several parishioners who might be interested in joining the team. The Clerk will contact Mrs Dennison.

7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

7.1 SID

No progress on the grant from County Cllr. Parry. Clerk will make contact with the new Area Manager and ascertain the current situation regarding grant, installation and cost.

7.2 Extra road markings in Otford Lane.

This relates to 'school' markings.

This will need to be on the agenda for the Highways Meeting in September.

7.3 Changes to Kent Highways Structure.

The new Area Manager is Julian Cook and Mike Payton continues as the Operations Manager for Sevenoaks Central. We do not at this time have a Highways Steward.

All reports must go through the Parish Portal or the Call Centre. The Highways Steward, Operations Manager and Area Manager will not report faults or problems.

7.4 Meeting with Highways Representatives

Dates were agreed for a September meeting and will be send to Highways. An agenda will be compiled.

Monday 5, Wednesday 7, Friday 9, Wednesday 14 and Friday 16 September, 10am in the Pavilion.

8 FREIGHTER SERVICE

There will be an extra collection on 25 September at 7am in lower Halstead. A handbill will be prepared for distributing during August in Fort Road, Armstrong Close and Crow Drive.

9 PARKING MEASURES IN LONDON ROAD AND SEVENOAKS ROAD

Cllr. Ford queried what measures will actually be introduced following approval of the 2nd consultation. The matter was discussed and Cllr Baldwin explained that all the proposed measures will be installed.

The meeting closed at 19.36

