

# HALSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3 OCTOBER 2012 AT 18.00 IN THE PAVILION, STATION ROAD

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk

The meeting convened at 18.06

### 1 APOLOGIES

All members were present.

### 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

### 3 RoSPA REPORT

#### Play area

The report indicated that the play area was very low risk. The only problems highlighted were:

1. the continual fault of a toggle entrapment under the slide. This has been looked at previously but cannot be removed.
2. the safety surface has several trip areas between the surface and the grass. Cllr. Blundell proposed that it be put to Council that the Clerk contact a play provider for advice, seconded by Cllr. Grosvenor, carried unanimously.

### 4 KCC DEFINITIVE MAP

Cllr. Baldwin has walked the parish footpaths and will now look at the KCC definitive map to see if these agreed. Report will be made under these minutes at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 8 October.  
Cllr. Baldwin stated there is confusion on Broke Hill G.C due a proliferation of signage.

### 5 DOG FOULING

The Clerk has visited the Defra website and printed various statutory orders relating to dog controls. It could cost in the region of £1000 to place a dog order and these are area specific.  
Cllr. Grosvenor suggested erecting more signage stating that dog owners will be fined if they do not clear up after their dogs. If an order was in place the penalty notices would have to be issued by a Council employee.  
Cllr. Blundell proposed asking parishioners via the newsletter how they would feel about having dogs excluded from certain areas in an effort to reduce the dog fouling problem. A feed-back slip would be required.  
*This will be mentioned at the Parish Council meeting on 8 October under these minutes.*

### 6 ALLOTMENTS

The Committee noted that Mr Grove, SDC solicitor working on the Parish Council's behalf had resolved the queries under 5, a new survey had been carried out for contamination and 6, the land will be referred to as former allotment land as it was never amenity land.

Document C has been looked at and it clearly shows that the land was never registered as village green or common land.

Mr Grove explained that he had to mention all possible eventualities of the land whether they were relevant or not.

The Clerk expressed concern that the contractors might now wish to requote as the quotations were prepared in the spring.

### 5 INFORMATION

5.1 Cllr. Grosvenor suggested that Council purchase a defibrillator and ask via the newsletter if people would like to be trained in its use. Council to pay for the training. This would need to be located in a secure but accessible public place.  
*This will be mentioned at the Parish Council meeting on 8 October under these minutes.*

5.2 Cllr. Grosvenor suggested that something should be arranged 'sport-wise' for youngsters aged 12-18. Cllr. Blundell stated that a specific activity should be presented to the children/parents and opinions sought. It was suggested this could be done via the newsletter.  
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The meeting closed at 19.25