

AMENITIES AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

12 May 2016

Committee Members present: Cllrs D Keeley, (Chairman), Ms Alford-Smith, Mrs B Brown, Mrs D Crook, Mrs L Downes, P Hickmott, P Misy, Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf
Mrs K Sowten (Chief Executive), Mrs V Tipp

1. Apologies for absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs S Bell, A Keeley and Mrs B Keeley.
2. Declaration of Interests
There were no declaration of interest.
3. Minutes - To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2016
The minutes of the Amenities and Recreation Committee held on 22 March 2016 were agreed a correct record of the meeting.
4. Questions from the public
There were no questions from the public.
5. To receive a report from the Allotment Advisory Committee
Cllr Mrs Downes presented the report from the Allotment Advisory Committee held on 3 May (copy on file). The notices concerning ways of watering allotments have been put on the noticeboards.
6. To consider proposals relating to The Centenary Field and Sports Recreational pitches at New Potyns
Councillors received a proposal, a copy of Appendix 1 is on file.
 - 6.1 To obtain quotes to erect a fence and gates across Centenary Field – CEO reported that the trees have been thinned out and the area is looking very good. CEO pointed out the problem with people walking their dogs, especially the professional dog walkers with up to five dogs at a time exercising their dogs on the playing pitches. Following discussion it was
 - 0147 **RESOLVED** –to erect fencing and gates to create a recreational area for the exercising of dogs.
 - 0148 **RESOLVED** to obtain three quotations for fencing and gates to present for consideration by Full Council.
 - 6.2 To purchase a rubbish bin and if necessary a dog bin. TMBC currently empty the dog bin located at the entrance to New Potyns by the kissing gate. CEO to contact TMBC to see if they would be prepared to empty a bin located in the Centenary Field. If they were not then it would need to be emptied by Site Staff. It was
 - 0149 **RESOLVED** – to purchase a rubbish bin and also a dog bin to be put in New Potyns Centenary Field and to speak to TMBC to see if they will empty a dog bin located in this area.
 - 6.3 To purchase signage by the bottom kissing gate at Paddlesworth Road advising –
 - i) Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times and should remain on the designated path that leads to the Centenary field
 - ii) Dogs must be kept off the playing pitches at all times
 To install signage by the top kissing gate and on the newly installed gate advising
 - i) Potyns Centenary Field – Pet Exercise Area

A further request for additional signage along the boundary fence as a reminder to remain on the designated path and also additional signage to advise that if the guidelines were not adhered to that the permissive path from Paddlesworth Road would be closed.

0150 RESOLVED – to purchase signage for this area of New Potyns.

7. To consider alternative options relating to the perimeter road around the Cemetery
CEO has received a quotation to completely remove and relay the northern perimeter road at the Cemetery. The cause of the problem is the tree roots and if the trees are removed it may be possible to undertake remedial work rather than completely relaying the area. CEO is in discussion with Tarmac regarding possible community engagement with them regarding this. CEO will also seek to obtain further quotations for this work, following a decision on the removal of the trees.

8. To consider and if agreed accept a quotation for the removal of the trees in the Cemetery
The main problem on the northern perimeter road is the roots from the trees close by. A quotation has been received to remove 19 pine trees. CEO will seek to obtain two further quotations for this work.

0151 RESOLVED – to remove the 19 pine trees

0152 RESOLVED to obtain two further quotations and present all three for consideration by Full Council.

9. To consider a request to allow further investigation of WWI and WWII artefacts in the Recreation Ground
A Snodland resident has requested permission to metal detect in a small area of the Recreation Ground following a discovery of an item from WW1. It was felt that the CEO should meet with him to discuss the area and how he would go about the search. Also to point out that anything found would belong to the Council.

THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED

That in view of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw

10. To receive a report and consider a request relating to land adjacent to Coxs Barn
A request to purchase a small plot of land adjacent to Coxs Barn had been discussed at a Policy and Resources committee in March 2015. CEO has been in contact with TMBC and Berkeley Homes and both would be happy for the Council to sell.

0153 RESOLVED that CEO will contact the District Valuer to ascertain a price and report back at full Council.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.