

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at Hanham Hall, Whittucks Road on Tuesday 17th September 2019 at 7.30p.m.

PRESENT: Members: Councillors H Goddard, S Hicks, K Bell, T Bray, N Lethaby,
Officer: Mrs C Dolman – Clerk
Others: Paul Burgess (warden), Gail Lambert of SGC and 4 members of the public

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs C Cushing & D Smith.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2019 as printed and circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING MATTERS

Resolved that the following comments be made:-

P19/12333/F **14 Williams Close**

Construction of 2 new bedroomed attached dwelling in the curtilage of 14 Williams Close

No comment

P19/11449/PNH **4 Rangers Walk**

Erection of a single storey rear extension which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 4.5 metres, for which the maximum height would be 3.3 metres, and for which the height of the eaves would be 2.95 metres.

No comment

P19/12308/F **3 Kings Avenue**

Erection of a single storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation

No comment

4 DISCUSSION ON RENOVATION OF HANHAM COMMON PLAY AREA

Gail Lambert, Play Officer at SGC attended the meeting and outlined what was needed in the immediate future at the Hanham Common play area. The roundabout is very near the end of its life and removal could be necessary at any time. There is movement in the bearing of the seesaw, so this is also due for replacement albeit not as urgently. The rubber tiled surface around the roundabout is lifting in places and needs to be replaced. To replace the roundabout and rubber flooring will cost in the region of £10,000. Cllr S Hicks reported that he had written to Harveys asking them to consider providing a grant of £3,000 which, added to the £7,000 CIL money already received, would make up the £10,000 needed to carry out the most urgent work. A member of the public was in attendance who was keen to form a 'friends' group which could assist in obtaining grant funding to replace other items of equipment. Gail Lambert gave this lady her details and will liaise with her about how to move this forward once a group of interested people have been identified.

Recommended that subject to Harveys providing £3,000 grant funding, then the roundabout and rubber tiles be replaced.

5 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported on the following:-

Following the issues reported by the warden at the July Environment Committee, the Clerk has instructed Express Property Services to replace missing tiles from the shower room at the pavilion, replace the strip light in the away changing room and fit a shelf to the large wooden cupboard in the lobby area.

Having chased Kevan Hooper at SGC for an update on the untidy land at Willsbridge Hill, the Clerk has been informed that he has now left SGC. The Clerk will endeavour to obtain an update to report back at October Full Council.

Smart Trees will be carrying out tree work on Hanham Common in October.

6 REPORT OF THE PARISH WARDEN

Paul Burgess, the Parish Warden, reported on the following:-

- Vegetation is covering signage in Court Farm Road and Abbots Road. The Clerk advised she would contact Streetcare to ask for this to be cut back.
- He has pruned the blackberry bushes along the wall at Common Road but they are getting very overgrown. The Clerk advised she would ask Streetcare to cut these back completely as they are causing vehicles to park further out into Common Road.
- One of the metal bollards on the wide pavement opposite the pavilion was knocked over and has been concreted back in, but tarmac still needs to be applied to the area. The Clerk advised she would contact Streetcare to request that this be carried out.
- Cars are parking in front of the gate to Hanham Common on a regular basis. The Clerk advised she would get some signage made up and installed, with the similar wording to the previous sign which was removed with the old gate.
- Litter bin next to bench at edge of football pitch needs replacing. Cllr H Goddard suggested that the Clerk applied for MAF funding in order to do this. The Clerk will look into this.
- There is broken fencing lying across the cycle path near the crossing with Abbots Road. The Clerk advised she would contact Streetcare to remove/replace.

7 DISCUSSION ON ANNUAL AUTUMN POND CLEARANCE WORK

The Clerk advised that she has received a quotation from Aquaflora to carry out annual clearance work to the Abbots Road pond, in line with the 5 year management plan, of £620. **Recommended** that the Clerk instructs Aquaflora to proceed with this work.

8 CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM JOHN LAWSON'S CIRCUS FOR VISIT TO HANHAM COMMON IN JULY 2020

The Clerk circulated an email from John Lawson concerning the increase in charges for the hire of the Common, which was discussed by members. **Recommended** that the Clerk writes back to John Lawson allowing a 2.5% discount to the rate applicable.

9 CONSIDERATION OF CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO SGC'S LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The details of the consultation were circulated, discussed and noted.

The meeting closed at 8.23pm

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Chairman