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AGAME125

28 December 2007

Dear Sir/Madam

A Meeting of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** will be held at **The Grove, 25 St John's Street, Hythe on Monday next, 7 January 2008, at 8.00 pm** when your attendance is requested.

Yours faithfully

Clerk to the Council

### **AGENDA**

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2007.
3. To note any declaration of interest made by Members in connection with an Agenda item. The nature of the interest must be specified.
4. Public Participation Period.
5. Notification of any other urgent business to be raised at the end of the meeting.
6. Vandalism Report 27 October to 14 December 2007.
7. Provision of a dog bin at Brendon Close Open Space, Dibden Purlieu.
8. Update on request to hold a wedding reception Minute 410/07 refers..
9. To receive and adopt the notes of the Play Equipment Working Party Meeting held on Thursday 6 December 2007.
10. Young Sports Person of the Year Award.
11. Any other urgent business concerning the committee.



**HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

**AGENDA NOTES**

**AMENITIES COMMITTEE – 7 January 2008**

**Item 6**      **Vandalism Report 27 October to 14 December 2007.**

The following is a list of the vandalism suffered for the period shown.

**Oaklands Way Public Open Space (shrubbery alongside verges)**

A 10 metre section of the fencing that was put in place to protect the shrubbery at the time of planting was damaged and has since been removed. The shrubs are now established and the fence is no longer required.

**The Grove Garden**

A litter bin was destroyed by fire and has since been replaced.

Cost to the Council £175.00

**Noads Way Play Area**

A swing barrier was removed from its ground fixing on two occasions. The item needed repairs prior to being re-installed.

Cost to the Council £50.00

**Forest Front Play Area**

Approximately 15 metres of wire mesh fencing was removed from the perimeter fence that surrounds the play area. The wooden fence that the mesh was fixed to is still intact and the area is safe.

The item will be replaced and a price will be submitted at the next meeting.

The total cost of vandalism for the period 27 October to 14 December 2007 is £225.00.

**Comparison**

The total cost of vandalism for this financial year is £2176.20 compared to £2118.00 at the same time last year

**Item 7**      **Provision of a dog bin at Brendon Close Open Space, Dibden Purlieu**

A member of the public has requested that a dog bin is installed at one of the entrances to the public open space at the end of Brendon Close.

The site has been visited and a dog bin is justified. In addition the Council's ACSO's have been asked to visit the site at different times within their shift pattern in order to educate dog walkers.

There is budget provision for this item and Members are recommended to agree to the request.

**Item 8**      **Update on request to hold a wedding reception (Min No 410/07 refers)**

As reported at the last meeting of this committee the Council received a request from a member of the public to hold a wedding reception in the Grove Garden, whilst making some use of the Council Chamber in June 2008. Members discussed the matter and agreed in principle to granting permission subject to certain conditions being met.

Following discussion, the member of the public felt that they were unable to meet the conditions and has subsequently withdrawn their request.

Members are asked to note the report.

**Item 9**      **To receive and adopt the notes of the Play Equipment Working Party meeting held on Thursday 6 December 2007.**

The notes of the Play Equipment Working Party meeting held on the 6 December 2007 are attached.

Members are asked to consider and adopt the notes.

**Item 10**      **Young Sports Person of the Year Award**

Nominations are being requested for the above award and the closing date is Friday 15 February 2008. Members are asked to decide upon the membership of a working party to discuss the nominations and to decide the winner.

Members of the working party last year were the Chairman of the Council, the Chairman of the Amenities Committee and the Chairman of the General Purposes and Finance Committee.