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AGAME140

1 September 2009

Members of the Amenities Committee

are hereby summoned to attend the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** to be held in **The Grove, 25 St John's Street, Hythe on Monday next, 7 September 2009 at 8.00pm**

Yours faithfully

Clerk to the Council

### **AGENDA**

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2009.
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 26 June 2009 – 21 August 2009 - To receive and note the report.
7. Arboriculture Policy Statement - to consider proposed amendments.
8. Public Open Space to the rear of Bullrush Close, Dibden Purlieu – To consider a request from a local resident.
9. Any other urgent business concerning this committee.
10. Exclusion of press and public.
11. Insurance Claim.



## HYPHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

### AGENDA NOTES

#### AMENITIES COMMITTEE – 7 September 2009

**Item 6** Vandalism Report 26 June 2009 – 21 August 2009 – To receive and note the report.

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

##### **Beechwood Pond**

The lifebuoys have been thrown into the water seven times in this period. Each time the lifebuoy has been retrieved and reinstalled. One lifebuoy has been removed; a replacement from stock has been installed.

Cost to the Council £70.00.

##### **Forest Front Open Space**

A large amount of household waste was fly tipped along the track to the rear of the houses of Elm Crescent. The area was cleared and made safe.

Cost to the Council £60.00.

##### **Forest Front Skate Park**

On two occasions the Council have had to replace sections of the perimeter fence surrounding the Skate Park that have been cut out and removed from the area. The main entrance gate to the skate park has been damaged and the clapper post bent. The gate has been made safe and a cost has been sought to replace the damaged gate and post. This cost will be reported to the Council once received.

Cost to the Council £23.50.

##### **Floral displays**

Summer bedding plants have been damaged or stolen from the various displays around the parish. The locations that have suffered the losses include the planters in the Marsh, the flower beds at Mullins Lane roundabout, the Gate Ways and Prospect Place. All of the flowers have been replaced.

Cost to the Council £125.28.

The total cost of vandalism for this period is £287.78.

##### **Comparison**

The total cost of vandalism in this financial year is £1210.89 and compares to £2659.30 at this point in the last financial year and £1642.02 in the 2007/08 financial year.

Members are asked to note the report.

**Item 7** Arboriculture policy statement – To consider proposed amendments.

The Parish Council is receiving a number of requests from residents to cut back Parish Council trees which are believed to be interfering with satellite signals being transmitted to resident's televisions

In view of the forthcoming requirement for all television equipment to have digital capability there could be an increase in the current level of satellite dishes and subsequently the number of enquiries.

In order that Officers are consistent in their response when dealing with complaints of this nature it is proposed to include some amendments into the Council's Arboriculture Policy Statement.

The District Council's Senior Arboricultural Officer has been consulted and as a result it is proposed to follow the same procedures as those used by the District Council whereby a standard letter is sent to the resident explaining that there are limited funds for tree work and that funds are prioritised in order of health and safety requirements and to prevent damage to property.

Attached is a copy of the Parish Council's Arboriculture Policy. Members are asked to consider the statements detailed in bold text and to agree that they are added to the existing policy.

**Item 8**

**Public Open Space to the rear of Bullrush Close – To consider a request from a local resident.**

A resident of Bullrush Close, Dibden Purfieu has made a request (see attached) to the Parish Council for permission to keep a small number of chickens on Public Open Space to the rear of their property.

Members are asked to consider the request.