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To: Members of the Amenities Committee

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Mr M Short			

and remainder of the Council for information

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1 April 2008

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 April 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 11 February 2008.
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 January 2008 to 27 March 2008.
7. Provision of a picnic area and butterfly garden - Noads Way Recreation Ground.
8. Forest Front Nature Reserve - litter pick.
9. To receive an update of ongoing works at Oaklands Way and Beechwood Way Ponds.
10. Community Fun Day.
11. Any other urgent business concerning the committee.



HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

AGENDA NOTES

AMENITIES COMMITTEE – 7 April 2008

Item 6 Vandalism Report 26 January 2008 to 27 March 2008.

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

Noads Way Play Area

A large amount of graffiti was daubed on various items of the play equipment, the graffiti has been removed and investigations are taking place into seeking out the offenders.

Cost to the Council £35.00

Clayfields Sports Centre

A section of fencing that surrounds the car park was damaged and has since been repaired.

Cost to the Council £10.00

Forest Front Play Area

At a previous meeting it was reported that a section of fencing that surrounds the play area was damaged and that costs to repair the fence were being gathered.

The confirmed cost of the repair is £174.30.

Tates Copse

A dog bin that was located in the area was damaged beyond repair, a replacement has been ordered and the final cost will be reported at a future meeting.

The total confirmed cost of vandalism for the period shown is £219.30

Comparison

The total cost of vandalism for this financial year is £2430.50 compared to £2648.90 in the previous financial year

Item 7 Provision of a picnic area and butterfly garden Noads Way Recreation Ground

As part of the "Love it, Hate It" surveys that have taken place within our community some consultation took place at Orchard School with children from year 3.

The survey was used in a project undertaken by the students in that year group. Homework was issued to approximately 100 children who were asked to interview up to 3 people of different age ranges to gather information about future services and facilities they would like to see in the parish.

Various ideas were submitted which could be provided by this committee however two could be amalgamated fairly easily. In the responses from children

aged 5 to 12 years old a butterfly garden has been suggested and in the families response section a request for a further picnic area was included.

Noads Way Recreation Ground has fairly high visitor numbers of families during fine weather in the school holidays and there have been comments from some parents that there is not enough seating.

It is proposed to link the two requests and provide a seating/picnic area within a small butterfly garden in the recreation ground. In order to fund the project a grant application could be submitted to Hampshire County Council's Youth Opportunities Fund.

Members' views are requested

Item 8 Forest Front Nature Reserve – community clean up

On 9 March 2008 a volunteer litter pick was carried out by Sandy Phillips (Forestry Commission) Ann McDonald and a number of adults and children from the Netley View Estate and residents from nearby properties.

The Parish Council supported the event by supplying various bits of equipment including litter pickers, refuse sacks and protective gloves. The event was a success and all of the people involved have been thanked for their efforts.

Members are asked to note the report.

Item 9 To receive an update of ongoing works at Oaklands Way and Beechwood Way ponds.

The Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor will provide a verbal update of work already carried out together with future planned maintenance.

Item 10 Community Fun Day.

As a way of engaging further with the public, preliminary discussions have taken place with various partners investigating the possibility of holding a Community Fun Day at Clayfields Sports Centre on 31 August 2008. The day is intended to be fun with the emphasis on all members of our community being able to be involved.

A meeting was held on 27 March 2008 to further explore the opportunities and as a result the following partners are willing to be part of the day.

New Forest District Council – Applemore Recreation Centre
Hampshire Constabulary – PCSO's
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service
Handy Trust
H.C.C. - ACSO's
Forestry Commission

Activities that have been discussed and are reasonably practical to achieve include a five a side football competition to be held on the courts, The Handy Trust is planning to hold a celebration of the Sports in the Park Scheme on the field. It is hoped that families may bring picnics to enjoy on the field whilst listening to some live music from local musicians

The fire service is hoping to be able to send a fire appliance with officers distributing fire safety leaflets. The ACSO's and the PCSO are going to be promoting community safety.

A number of sponsors have been approached and feedback has been positive. Investigations by the partners into other attractions are ongoing and a further meeting is planned for the 24 April 2008. This committee will be kept informed of all progress.

Members' views are requested prior to noting the report.

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