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AGAME132

30 September 2008

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, 6 October 2008 at 8.00pm**

Yours faithfully

Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 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 15 August 2008 to 19 September 2008 – To receive and note the report.
7. Tates Copse woodland footpath reinstatement – To receive an update.
8. Clayfields Sports Centre - To note an update on the future management (Min 160/08 refers).
9. The Grove Garden renovations – To consider and decide on the way forward.
10. Winter planting schemes – To note the progress.
11. Cosworth Drive Local Park – to receive an update on the progress.
12. Any other urgent business concerning the committee.

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

AGENDA NOTES

AMENITIES COMMITTEE – 6 October 2008

Item 6 Vandalism report- 15 August 2008 - 19 September 2008.

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

Noads Way Play Area

A section of safer surfacing was badly damaged. This has now been repaired and made safe.

Cost to the Council £130.00

Forest Front Skate Park

A section of the wooden fence round the skate park was broken. The area was made safe and the damaged fence posts and rails replaced.

Cost to the Council £195.00

Forest Front Infant Play Area

Graffiti was spray painted on the roundabout. The graffiti was removed.

Cost to the Council £10.00

Shore Road Playing Field

A small fire was lit at the edge of the playing area. The area was made safe and the debris removed.

Cost to the Council £10.00

Dibden Roundabout Gateway

The flowers in the planter at the gateway were damaged. New winter bedding plants have been planted to replace the damaged ones.

Cost to the Council £20.00

Jones Lane Skate Park

Graffiti was spray painted onto the youth shelter. The graffiti was removed.

Cost to the Council £10.00

Ewart Recreation Ground

Broken bottles, beer cans and nappies have been removed from the edge of the football/ cricket area. The spectators stand had seats removed, these were collected and returned to the football club.

Cost to the Council £20.00

Ewart Play Area

On three occasions excrement and sick has had to be cleaned off the play equipment. Broken glass and discarded nappies have been removed from the play area. After each occasion the areas affected were cleaned and disinfected.

Cost to the Council £70.00

Beechwood Way Pond

The newly installed life buoys at Beechwood Way pond have been thrown into the water four times since they were installed and the emergency throw line has been cut twice. Each time the life buoys have been retrieved and the line has been repaired. The new signs highlighting the deep water hazard have been removed by persons unknown.

Cost to the Council £60.00

Parish Hall

A glass door was broken at the Parish hall by persons unknown; this has now had replacement glass fitted. The incident was reported to the police.

Cost to the Council £186.79

The total confirmed cost of vandalism for the period shown is £711.79

Comparison

The Total cost of vandalism for this financial year is £3371.09 Compared to £1747.02 for the same period in the previous financial year.

Item 7 Tates Copse woodland footpath reinstatement.

The Parish Council and its dedicated Accredited Community Safety Officers have been working with the Youth Offending Team and Rainer Restorative Justice in order to reinstate the woodland footpaths in Tates Copse. Attached is a report compiled by the Officers.

Members are asked to note the report.

Item 8 Clayfields Sports Centre – Update (Min 160/08 refers).

Members will be aware that the Council has formally decided to accept this committee's recommendation to manage Clayfields Sports Centre from 1 April 2009.

As a result discussions with Officers from Applemore Recreation Centre regarding the changeover have begun. It is anticipated that the changes will have very little effect on users of the facility. Investigations with several contract cleaning companies are progressing well.

Members will be kept informed of the progress and are asked to note the update.

Item 9 The Grove Garden renovations – to consider and decide on the way forward.

Members will be aware that over the last several years a number of trees within the Grove Garden have suffered from disease and have had to be felled. In

addition there are concerns with the general wellbeing and appearance of the area.

As a way forward discussions have begun with two landscape consultants in order to gather information about the most suitable way to manage the garden in the future. It is anticipated that information will be provided on the best way to test for and to treat any diseased soil together with suggestions for replanting and future maintenance in order to maintain the garden for future generations. The District Council's Arboriculturist will be contacted as part of the investigations.

At present there has not been any cost to the Council however information regarding the financial implications will be presented as part of the budget process.

Item 10 **Winter Planting Scheme – To note the progress.**

As Members will be aware, financial provision has been made to provide a winter planting scheme in some of the Parish Council's flowerbeds and tubs. The Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor will provide a verbal update on the progress so far.

Members are asked to note the report.

Item 11 **Cosworth Drive Local Park – To receive a verbal update on the progress**

A verbal update on the progress of the project will be given by the Deputy Clerk.