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AGAME134

23 December 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, 5 January 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 10 November 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 25 October 2008 to 12 December 2008 – To receive and note the Report.
7. Young Sports Person of the Year Award – to appoint the Working Party for this year's award.
8. Allotments - to note reports on: a) improvements and b) new provision.
9. Terms and Conditions for the use of the Parish Hall - to agree the proposed amendments.
10. Tree Planting Programme - to receive an update.
11. Any other urgent business concerning this committee.



HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

AGENDA NOTES

AMENITIES COMMITTEE – 5 January 2009

Item 6

Vandalism Report- 25 October 2008 12 December 2008.

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

Forest Front Open Space

A large amount of fly tipping was removed from the footpath that runs adjacent to the rear of the houses.

Two dragons teeth were replaced to prevent unauthorised vehicle access to the Nature Reserve.

Cost to the Council £60.00

Jones Lane Skatepark

A large amount of glass had been smashed over the equipment. The area was cleaned and made safe.

Cost to the Council £10.00

Ewart Recreation Ground

Broken bottles, beer cans and rubbish have been collected from around the outside of the children's play area.

Cost to the Council £10.00

Beechwood Way Pond

The lifebuoys have been thrown into the water 7 times in this period. One of the lifebuoy housings was burned repair.

A replacement has been purchased and was installed on 3 December 2008 by the maintenance team. The cost of the replacement was £413.58.

Cost to the Council £483.58.

The Grove

A sign in The Grove Garden was removed from its post and thrown into Southampton Water. The sign was later retrieved by the maintenance team, cleaned and reattached.

Cost to the Council £10.00.

The total confirmed cost of vandalism for the period shown is £573.58

Comparison

The total cost of vandalism for this financial year is £4104.87 compared to £2176.20 for the same period in the last financial year.

Members are requested to note the report.

Item 7 Young Sports Person of the Year award

Nominations are being requested for the above award, the closing date is Friday 5 February 2009. 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 Councillor Alex Wade.

Item 8 Allotments**a) Improvements**

The Parish Council makes annual budget provision for allotment improvements on its three allotment sites. Improvements that have taken place in previous years include improved drainage, repairs or renewal of access gates, provision of new notice boards and storage bins.

During routine inspections of the allotment sites it was noticed that some of the allotment holders were having difficulties removing waste and accumulated articles from their allotments.

Following consultation with a number of tenants it was agreed that a joint project to remove the items would take place. The Parish Council's maintenance team and the allotment holders have worked together to clear up all three sites

Over the three days and across all of the allotment sites, the Parish Council's maintenance team with the help of 36 allotment holders removed enough rubbish to fill 5 skips of waste, 2 vehicle loads of recyclable materials and 2 vehicle loads of vegetation that was chipped up and which will be reused as mulch in future projects.

Further inspections are planned in order to detect and deter further large accumulations of rubbish.

Members are requested to note the report

b) New provision

The Council has been investigating the provision of new allotment sites in the parish.

Two areas that had previously been identified are the hilly area located behind the football pitches at Clayfields Sports Centre (potential for approximately 70 new plots) and the land located next to the existing Dibden Allotment Charity Allotment Site in Claypits Lane (potential for approximately 25 new plots).

A number of improvements would need to be carried out on the Clayfields site in order to provide accessible and workable plots; these include the provision of a new vehicle access way alongside the football pitches, earth moving to provide a semi level area and the installation of drainage across the site.

Initial costings to carry out the work using a private contractor are approximately £70000 however it may be possible to achieve match funding from various sources.

Discussions have taken place with an agent of the landowner at Claypits Lane. At present the landowner is happy with the current tenant and is not prepared to change the existing use of the land.

Further investigations are planned as and when new potential sites are identified.

Members are requested to note the report.

Item 9 **Terms and Conditions for use of the Parish Hall**

The Terms and Conditions for the use of the Parish Hall are being reviewed.

Attached is a copy of the current document with the proposed amendments detailed on page 6.

Members are requested to consider and agree the proposed amendments.

Item 10 **Tree Planting Programme**

Members will be aware that the Council has made provision to begin a programme of tree planting in the parish.

As a way forward contact has been made with Oak Lodge School, Hythe Primary School, Orchard Junior School and Wildground Junior School to establish a partnership arrangement whereby the schools identify areas within the school grounds which could be improved with additional planting. The Council will purchase the trees and assist the children with planting. A number of meetings are planned for later on this month and it is anticipated that the first round of trees and shrubs will be planted during late January early February 2009.

In addition Orchard Junior School are assisting the Council with the planting of the new butterfly garden in Noads Way Play Area. Further work will continue with other interested parties next autumn.

Members are requested to note the report