



HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

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23 December 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, 4 January 2010 at 8.00pm**

Yours faithfully

Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 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. Langdown Lawn Open Space – Dog issues.
7. Draft Play Area Policy Statement – to discuss and agree the policy update.
8. Young Sportsman of the Year Award – to appoint the working party for this year's award process.
9. Prospect Place Open Space – to consider a request from the Flood Working Party
10. Any other urgent business concerning this committee.



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AGENDA NOTES

AMENITIES COMMITTEE – 4 January 2010

Item 6 Langdown Lawn Open Space – dog issues

The Parish Council has received a complaint regarding unsupervised dogs on Langdown Lawn Open Space from a member of the public who lives near to the facility.

The complaint specifically relates to dogs fighting whilst off a lead and unsupervised by their owners. The resident suggests that the incidents are becoming more frequent and has raised concerns for the safety of the dogs and other park users.

Member's views are requested.

Item 7 Draft Play Area Policy Statement – to discuss and agree the policy update.

A draft of the updated Play Area Policy is attached. The policy has been amended to reflect the number of play areas provided and the additional safety inspections and measures undertaken by the Council.

Members will be aware that two new play areas are due to be transferred to the Parish Council over the next 12 months or so. Therefore it is requested that these additional play areas are added to the policy without referring back to the committee. The new play areas are Orchard Wild Garden (Cosworth Drive) and the Bluebell Site (formerly the Langdown Infant School Site).

Members are requested to consider and agree the updated policy.

Item 8 Young Sports Person of the Year Award – to appoint the working party for this years award.

Nominations for the above award are being sought. The closing date is Friday 5 February 2010. Members are asked to decide upon the membership of a working party to discuss the nominations and to decide upon the winner.

Members of last year's working party were the Chairman, Vice Chairman of this committee and Councillor Alex Wade.

Item 9 Prospect Place Open Space – To consider a request from the Flood Working Party.

The Council's Flood Working Party has received a request and a proposal (attached) from a member of the public to make improvements to the flood defences at Prospect Place Open Space. The request follows on from a potential flooding incident due to bad weather in 2008.

The proposal seeks to address a significant lower level of soil in the corner of the open space near to the sea front adjacent to the rear of Sir Christopher Cockerel's former house. The work includes the construction of a dwarf wall on the public open space and to raise the level of soil in this area up to a similar level that is maintained across the remainder of the site.

As Members will be aware Prospect Place is subject to a covenant that was placed on the land at the time it was conveyed to the Parish Council. The covenant restricts the Parish Council from raising soil levels across the periphery of the open space in case the increased levels detract from the view enjoyed by residents in properties on Prospect Place. In order to address this issue legal advice will need to be sought prior to work commencing.

Although the Flood Working Party reports to the Council's Planning Committee this Committee is being consulted as Prospect Place Open Space is administered by the Amenities Committee. Should approval be given by the Planning and Amenities Committees a request for funding will need to be made to the General Purposes and Finance Committee.

Members are requested to agree to the proposed works in order to alleviate flooding in Prospect Place.

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Policy Statement

PLAY AREAS

Authority

1. The Council has a discretionary power to provide play areas under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

Provision

2. The Council is currently responsible for a number of play areas throughout the Parish in the following locations:-

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- Ewart Recreation Ground
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- Fletcher Close
- Forest Front
- Langdown Lawn
- Noads Way
- Shore Road Playing Field

3. All play items and safety surfacing provided is manufactured and installed in accordance with all current play equipment legislation.

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Management

4. All play areas are visually checked, litter is cleared daily (7 days a week) and written reports are kept.

5. Written Play Equipment Safety Inspection Reports are completed weekly.

6. All written reports are kept for a minimum of 21 years.

7. Annual inspections of the Council's play areas are carried out by the Council's Insurance Company. On occasions supplementary checks are carried out by R.O.S.P.A.

8. Repairs are carried out normally within 24 hours of notification. All items found to be unsafe are taken out of use until repairs are completed.

9. Notification of broken glass is normally attended to within one hour.

10. Grass cutting is done weekly throughout the summer.

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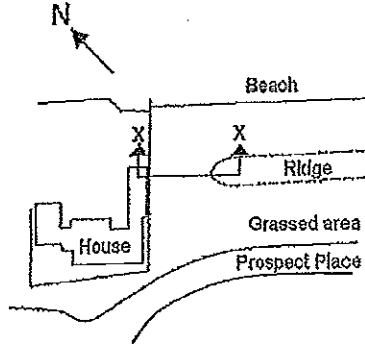
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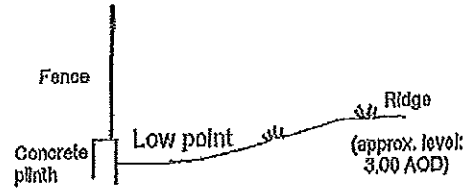
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**SUGGESTION FOR SHORT-TERM FLOOD DEFENCE WORK
AT NW END OF PROSPECT PLACE GRASSED AREA**

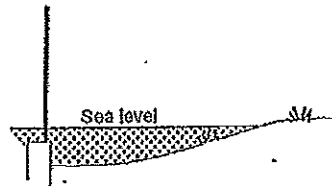
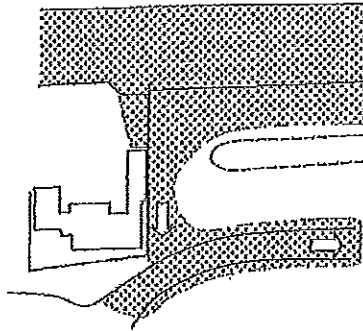
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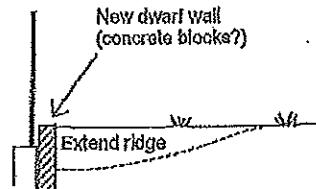
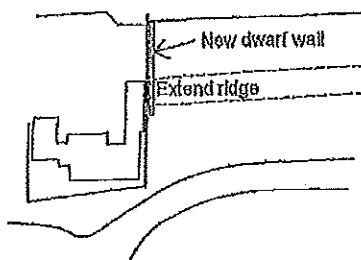
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Flooding on 10 March 2008



Suggested work to grassed area



NOTES

1. On 10 March, the inflow of seawater was eventually halted by a short sandbag dam, between the end of the ridge and the concrete plinth. The suggested ridge extension would be a permanent substitute for those sandbags.
2. There is a similar low point at the other end of the grassed area. Also, the roadway on to the quay, beside Hotspur House, may be slightly lower than the grassed ridge.
3. This suggestion is intended to correct an obvious inadequacy in the existing sea defences. It does not address sea levels higher than 3.00 AOD.