

Clerk to the Council/RFO: Emma Kay

Chairman: Cllr Fred Jones

13 July 2015

**Minutes of an Amenities Committee Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Monday 8 June 2015
in the Memorial Hall.**

Present: Cllrs Clarke (Chairman), Keel, Mrs Lewis, Parkhurst, Mrs Trickett, Gordon, Ball and Mrs Whitmarsh.

In attendance: Emma Kay – Clerk.

A25.15 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN** – In accordance with Standing Orders 2e Cllr Parkhurst **proposed**, Cllr Keel **seconded** and it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Clarke be elected as the Chairman of the Amenities Committee.

Cllr Clarke **proposed**, Cllr Gordon **seconded** and it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Mrs Whittall be elected to the position of Vice Chairman of the Amenities Committee.

A26.15 **APOLOGIES** – Cllr Mrs Whittall (convalescing), Cllr Breeze (family emergency).

A27.15 **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST** – No declaration beyond those recorded in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

A28.15 **PUBLIC SPEAKING/QUESTIONS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS** – There were no members of the public at the meeting.

A29.15 **MINUTES** – It was **proposed** by Cllr Parkhurst, **seconded** by Cllr Mrs Lewis and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Amenities meeting held on Monday 23 March 2015 be accepted as a true record.

Cllr Ball arrived at the meeting at 7.36 pm

A30.15 **MATTERS ARISING** – The Clerk reported the following matters arising from the minutes of the Amenities meeting held on Monday 23 March 2015:

A18.15 **Longmeadow Toilets** – The Clerk confirmed she would look at a date to have a look at the Longmeadow toilets and e-mail councillors with a proposal. **Action: Clerk.**

A20.15 **Parrs Pool** – The Clerk reported that the research into the best way forward with the green algae on Parrs Pool was ongoing.

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A20.15 **The Burgs** – The Chair reported that he had not heard anymore from English Heritage, he was awaiting an update.

A31.15 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN ALL PAYMENTS** – The Clerk advised councillors that she wished to add another two payments to the list for the work done to the roof of the bowlers container. She confirmed that they would be on the final list that councillors approve prior to payment. Cllr Parkhurst **proposed**, Cllr Ball **seconded** and it was **RESOLVED** that all the listed payments and the two extra payments be approved for payment.

Cllr Keel commented that the Youth and Community Building water costs were quite high, following a discussion about the work done on the water meter last year the Clerk undertook to query it with Severn Trent Water.

Action: Clerk.

A32.15 **ONGOING PROJECTS** – The following ongoing projects were discussed:

BMX Track/Extension – The Clerk stated that there were a couple of holes in the tarmac at the start of the track that the handymen had on their list to do. Cllr Parkhurst asked whether it was within their skill set to repair and the Clerk confirmed it was.

Bus Shelters – Cllr Clarke confirmed that the bus shelter at the end of Lansdowne Road had now been turned around and that we were awaiting a date from Shropshire Council to have the two obsolete shelter removed.

Graffiti on the bus shelter on the A49 was brought to the attention of the Clerk and she undertook to add it to the handymen’s schedule of work.

Action: Clerk.

Longmeadow Play Park – The Clerk stated that now the Annual Council requirements were out of the way she would be concentrating on collecting quotes for the improvement of the play park. A discussion ensued about the location of the play park culminating with acknowledgement of its popularity with the school children so no plans to move it.

Councillors agreed that the play park needed to be brought up to date but that it should not be made too attractive to older children. **Action: Clerk.**

Parrs Pool – Research into the best course of action for the treatment of the green algae is ongoing. **ACTION: Chairman/Clerk**

Street Lighting – The Clerk has received some complaints about the position of some of the LED lights but was hoping to resolve this with Eon, otherwise all the improvements have now been done.

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Planters on the Parade – Cllr Clarke reported that he was awaiting a date for the planters to be fitted. A discussion followed on the watering of the planters and other possible sites for additional planters in the future. It was concluded that the handymen would fill the planters and that the Clerk and Cllr Clarke would look into other locations for planters. **Action: Clerk/Cllr Clarke**

Lythwood Sports Pavilion Roof Repairs – The Clerk reported that the work was complete, there had been some final questions about soil pipe toppers but that was now resolved and the invoice was in the payments at this meeting. Cllr Clarke stated that there were a few minor things that needed finishing off such as sealing the corners of the guttering. Cllr Clarke asked councillors for their views on getting the changing rooms refreshed with a coat of paint. Cllr Clarke and the Clerk undertook to collect some quotes for this work.

Sensory Garden at the Community Woodland – The Clerk reported that the log roll had been purchased for the last section of the sensory garden. **Ongoing.**

The Burgs – Cllr Mrs Lewis recommended that councillors visit the site as it was very picturesque. Cllr Clarke suggested councillors give some thought to an access from Cross Lane in the future, perhaps a kissing gate.

Additional Notice Boards in Village and Planters outside Lyth Hill Shops – The Clerk suggested having at least another two notice boards within the village, one at the Lyth Hill shops and another up at the Lythwood area. A refresh of the bench outside the Lyth Hill shops was discussed including a new notice board and some planters, Cllr Keel **proposed**, Cllr Parkhurst **seconded** and it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk and Cllr Clarke investigate possibilities.

A33.15 **CORRESPONDENCE** – The Clerk showed councillors amenities related correspondence recently received into the Parish Office. These included complaints about the brightness of the new street light bulbs, trees coming through pavements and parking around the Methodist Church. A compliment on the content of the Annual Parish Meeting was also received.

A34.15 **AMENITIES USE DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS** – Cllr Mrs Lewis suggested a reduced fee for children to use some of the facilities up at Lythwood during the school holidays, specifically the Astro Turf. A discussion followed about unauthorised use of the pitch and possible ways to prevent it, a new system of regularly changing the combination was agreed along with an off-peak rate of £5. Cllr Ball **proposed**, Cllr Jones **seconded** and it was **RESOLVED** that an off-peak rate of £5 be introduced for the Astro Turf and the Clerk collect the necessary equipment and list of contacts to enable regular changes of the combination. **Action: Clerk.**

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A35.15 **ROUNDERS PITCH AT STANLEY PARKER PLAYING FIELDS** – Cllr Mrs Lewis stated that she had been approached about having a rounders pitch marked on the SPPF as a local club would like to use it. Following a discussion the Clerk was asked to explore pitch sizes, available space and possible different coloured line marking paint. **Action: Clerk.**

A36.15 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC** - It was **proposed** by Cllr Parkhurst, **seconded** by Cllr Ball and **RESOLVED** to exclude the press and public under LGA 1972 ss 100 (2), so as to discuss Confidential matters.

The exclusion period began at 8.58 pm

Meeting closed at 9.03 pm

A37.15 **CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES** - It was **proposed** by Cllr Parkhurst, **seconded** by Cllr Keel and **RESOLVED** that the confidential minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on Monday 23 March 2015 be accepted as a true record.

A38.15 **MATTERS ARISING** – The following matters arose from the confidential minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on Monday 23 March 2015:

A25.15 **New Machinery and Storage Arrangements** – The Clerk confirmed that a new hedge cutter had been purchased and that the remaining pieces of the new tractor needed to be collected from the School.

Cllr Clarke suggested looking into the cost of putting a roof across between the two containers to provide additional security and protection for the new pieces of the tractor. Cllr Clarke and the Clerk undertook to collect some quotes. **Action: Clerk/Cllr Clarke.**

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