

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 15th June 2022

Present: Councillor J Adshead in the chair.
Councillors M Barton ,A Beswick, N Hill and C Sizeland.

In Attendance: Mrs E Howe – Assistant to the Clerk
Mrs S Stockdale – Clerk
Mr P Brown – Park Manager
Miss E Beswick – SHIFT consultant
Cllr I DePee

Apologies: None.

Absence: None.

23/97 Public Speaking

There were no members of the public present.

23/98 To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2022

Minutes agreed and accepted.

23/99 Variation of business

It was agreed to discuss items 17, 10 and 11 first.

Item 17 - Cllr Hill retracted his motion.

Item 10 – The Council are still awaiting test results on the soil from DCC.

Item 11 – Cllr Adshead had no update but will furnish the Assistant Clerk on the 16th with the required details.

23/100 Update on outstanding Amenities related actions

Assistant Clerk enquired about what the committee wanted to do regarding the historic items on the outstanding works list.

Resolved: Cllr Adshead and Emma Beswick will go through the outstanding works list with the Assistant Clerk.

Action: Cllr Beswick, Emma Beswick and Assistant Clerk.

23/101 Park Managers Report

It was reported a quotation had been received to repair the main entrance gates at the Memorial Park.

Resolved: The previous quotations received will be circulated amongst committee members and an extra ordinary meeting arranged to enable a decision to be made.

Action: Assistant Clerk

Combs play area is has an area which is constantly saturated with water, the water appears to be running off the adjacent school playground.

Resolved: Contact will be made with the school to start discussions to try to resolve the issue.

Action: Emma Beswick and Assistant Clerk

Temporary repairs have been undertaken at Nanny's Well, the repairs will need to be undertaken by a professional.

Resolved: It was agreed to organise for a professional surveyor to assess the well and report back to the committee, in the, meantime the well is to be chained of and a sign put in place until the well is repaired.

Action: Park Manager

It was reported the skate park specification requested by the committee from the Park Manager cannot be drawn up as the Park Manager is not qualified to provide specifications for skate park surfacing.

Resolved: A specification will be requested from Alliance Environmental who inspect the play areas.

Action: Cllr Adshead

It was reported all building work will have to be undertaken by qualified contractors not the Park Staff.

Resolved: All building works will be contracted out and three quotations will be obtained.

Action: Park Manager

An issue with the play area surfacing under the basket swing in the Memorial Park play area has begun to shrink.

Resolved: The installers of the surface are due to visit the Memorial Park within the next couple of weeks and the issue is to be brought to their attention and suggestions for a solution sought from them.

Action: Emma Beswick and Park Manager

23/102

Skate Park Ramp repair quotation

It was reported a quotation had been obtained to repair the ramps on the skate park. A concern was raised as this issue along with others have not been reported on the playground inspection sheets from Alliance Environmental.

Resolved: It was agreed to request the councillors can join the inspector during one of the inspections. The item is to be deferred until Cllrs Adshead and Hill have meet with the inspector on site.

Action: Assistant Clerk, Cllr Adshead and Cllr Hill

23/103 SHIFT update – Cllr Hill

The committee were updated on the current SHIFT work being undertaken by Emma Beswick. Two quotations have been received by SHIFT for plans for possible improvements to the Memorial Park. The acceptance of a quotation would release the section 106 money from HPBC.

Eco Designs - £1350.00 plus VAT

Gorgeous Designs - £1200.00 plus VAT

It was also reported SHIFT are working closely with the HPBC Safer Neighbourhood Team and Derbyshire Police to identify and address any Anti Social Behaviour.

Resolved: Cllr Hill proposed and Cllr Beswick seconded to agree the quotation from Gorgeous Designs at a cost of £1200.00 plus VAT. All agreed.

Action: Emma Beswick

23/104 Play equipment inspections

Discussed under item 7, the skate park repair quotation.

23/105 Leys Allotment update – Cllr Adshead

Resolved: Discussed under variation of business.

23/106 Grit bins update – Cllr Adshead

Resolved: Discussed under variation of business.

23/107 Widening of footpaths in the Memorial Park update – Cllrs Adshead and Beswick.

Resolved: Currently included as part of the work undertaken by SHIFT.

23/108 Gates - bowling green Lane Entrance

Resolved: Discussions regarding possible repairs are to take place with the Park Staff

Action: Cllr Adshead and Cllr Hill.

23/109 Combs Play Area Gate

It was reported Combs Village Trust are in agreement to replace the kissing gate at the entrance to the play area with a wide gate and plant hedging to

replace the existing school gate entrance to the play area. The Village Trust have mentioned they would be willing to make a contribution to the project when costs are known.

Resolved: Three quotations are to be obtained.

Action: Park Manager

23/110 Combs Play area drainage

Discussed under item 6, the Park Managers report.

23/111 Motion from Cllr Shepherd – Consider lighting between the entry gate and the bowling green.

Resolved: Currently included as part of the work undertaken by SHIFT.

23/112 Motion from Cllr Hill “this committee will agree to co-opt Emma Beswick of SHIFT as a member of the Amenities Committee for the duration of the current SHIFT contract. She will have no voting rights or the ability to pit forward motions but will be able to participate in discussions.”

Resolved: Motion retracted by Cllr Hill.

23/113 Motion from Cllr Sizeland – “That the bowser trailer has an annual safety check by a garage or similar.”

Resolved: The current bowsers weight and the trailers towing capacity are to be obtained from the Park Manager.

Action: Park Manager.

23/114 Repair/Maintenance to Nanny’s Well.

Discussed under item 6, the Park Managers report.

23/115 Correspondence –

Request received to plant an oak sapling in the Memorial Park

It was agreed the oak sapling would be welcome.

Resolved: Respond to the resident informing them of the committees decision, the Park Manager is to decide on the location.

Action: Park Manager & Assistant Clerk.

Request from Little Cherubs to attach a banner to the Memorial Park Railings.

It was agreed a banner should not be allowed on the railings as it would set a precedence and historically all banners have been removed from the railings as soon as they have been noticed.

Resolved: Respond to Little Cherubs informing them of the committees decision.

Action: Assistant Clerk.

Request from DCC to aid with removal of rocks/boulders from a grass verge on Dale Road, Dove Holes.

The Council are not in a position to assist as we have no employees licenced to work on the Highway and no suitable equipment.

Resolved: Respond to DCC informing them we cannot assist.

Action: Assistant Clerk

Request has been received to install five picnic benches in Needhams Recreation Ground.

It was reported there is no budget for benches this year however two picnic benches in the wooded area of the Memorial Park can be utilised as they are accessible benches and replaced by two standard picnic benches.

Resolved: one of the existing accessible picnic benches from the wooded area of the Memorial Park is to be installed in Needhams Recreation Ground. Two new standard picnic benches are to be ordered to match the existing picnic benches in style and colour.

Action: Assistant Clerk and Park Manager

23/116 Any other business (For discussion only)

A meeting of the Amenities Committee to take place in Combs

23/117 Date to be set for the next full Amenities Committee meeting.

Full amenities committee meeting – 20th July 2022

Extra Ordinary meeting – 23rd June 2022

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.31.

CHAIRMAN