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Minutes of the Community Services Committee held on Tuesday 14 February 2023 at 19:06 in the Main Hall of the Village Hall, Towers Ways, Corfe Mullen

Present: **Councillors**
S Jefferies (Chair)
A Holland
P Holland
P Neil
P Purvis

In Attendance: Catherine Horsley (Town Clerk)
Rachel Virrill (Deputy Town Clerk – Minute taker)

Public Participation

There were two members of the public present.

Cllr Jefferies welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if any members of the public present wished to speak.

Two members of the public wished to speak pertaining to agenda item CS 22/40 - Update on Amenities relating to Henbury View play area.

A resident who lived adjacent to the play area expressed her distress at the recent cutting back of shrubbery and visual impact of the play area from her property. The resident shared photographs of the play area, past and present and conveyed her dismay at the increased noise levels, the fence height and the colour of the gate which could be seen from her property. The resident felt neighbouring properties should have been consulted and planning permission obtained prior to any works being carried out in the play area. The resident had witnessed children running onto the highway from the play area, due to no safety barrier being in position.

The second resident reported the play area was an intrusion of their privacy with cars parked over their driveway. Due to the cutting back of shrubbery, the school lights shone into their property and the school bins were more visible. The resident reported the fence was not fit for purpose as children were able to climb over it and a dog had been seen entering the play area through gaps under the fence. The resident understood guidelines stated that play areas should be at least 20 metres from neighbouring properties, however, the play area was within 15 metres of their property.

Cllr Jefferies thanked the members of the public for their representation and opened the meeting.

CS 22/36 To Receive and Accept apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Mattocks who was recovering from Covid, Cllr Craven and Cllr Sowry-House who were unable to attend due to personal commitments.

CS 22/37 To Record any declarations of interest Members to declare any interests,

including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)

There were no declarations of interest.

CS 22/38 Paper A - To Approve minutes of meeting held on 8 November 2022 LGA 1972, sch 12, para 41

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2022 were **APPROVED**.

CS 22/39 Paper B - To Approve Accounts for Payment

Cllr Jefferies sought clarification on the following items:

- Line 763: The cost of the pavilion deep clean appeared high and asked what this covered. The Clerk confirmed the cost related to two days cleaning pre-decorating and two days post-decorating.
- Line 746: What did the cleaning cost cover. The Clerk confirmed this was the routine weekly cleaning cost for the pavilion following re-opening and the public toilets at the Recreation Ground.
- Lines 759 & 749: What did the two costs for photocopying relate to. The Clerk confirmed line 759 was the printed copies to the end of the previous photocopier lease. Line 749 was the one-off installation charge for the new photocopier.

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the Accounts for Payment, totalling £12,161.44.

CS 22/40 Paper C - To Note Update on Amenities

The Deputy Clerk presented the report and the Clerk provided an update on the points raised by the two residents during the public participation as follows:

- RoSPA guidelines state that exit gates must be easily accessible in a colour easily identifiable to everyone, including those who are visually impaired with the recommended colours of red, orange or yellow.
- No shrubbery had been removed; it had been cut back to allow for the fence installation. Once the shrubbery had re-established, this should alleviate the concerns over noise and the visual impact of the play area. However, additional planting as required was planned to commence in the Spring 2023.
- Quotation awaited from Dorset Council Highways for installation of a safety barrier on the highway.
- A reminder that dogs should be kept on a lead, and it was the owners responsibility to ensure dogs did not enter the play area.

Members discussed the points raised and whilst they sympathised with the residents, they felt the play area was a 'work in progress' and the matter should be revisited in 3 months' time when the shrubbery and additional planting had had time to re-establish. Consideration should also be given to a temporary barrier of some kind to shield the school bins from view, whilst the shrubbery re-establishes.



It was **RESOLVED** to revisit the residents concerns and progress of shrubbery planting at the Henbury View play area at the Community Services Committee meeting scheduled on 13 June 2023.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Tour arrangements for 2023 would be agreed at the next Community Services Committee meeting scheduled on 14 March 2023, due to the number of members present.

The report was **NOTED**.

CS 22/41 Paper D - To Note Update on Allotments

The Clerk advised work was progressing with the Allotment Association relating to the proposed self-management agreement, which was anticipated to be in place by 1 April 2023.

The report was **NOTED**.

CS 22/42 Paper E - To Note Update on the Cemeteries

The Clerk advised of an issue with an internment of ashes in an existing grave in the old cemetery and that the Deputy Clerk was seeking advice from the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM) on how to proceed.

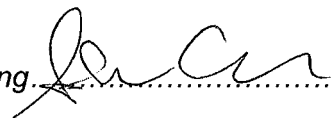
The report was **NOTED**.

CS 22/43 Matters for forthcoming agendas No decisions can be taken¹

- Progress update on the shrubbery planting at the Henbury View play area at meeting scheduled on 13 June 2023.
- Parish Tour arrangements 2023 at the next meeting scheduled on 14 March 2023.

CS 22/44 To Agree a date and time for the next meeting – Meeting to be held on Tuesday 14 March 2023 at 19:00 in the main hall of the Village Hall, Towers, Way, Corfe Mullen.

CS 22/45 Close of Meeting at 20:00

Signed as a correct record of the meeting  Date 14/3/23.....

¹ Councils cannot lawfully decide items of business which are not specified in the summons/agenda (LGA1972 sch 12, paras 10(2)(b) and Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119)

