

WEST DEAN PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Tuesday 24th July 2018, 5.30 pm at the West Dean Centre, Bream

Present: Cllr F McGuinness (FMc), C Smith (CS), B Gayler (BG), M Costley (MC), T Gwilliam (TG).

Deputy Clerk (PJ) was present.

1. To Appoint a Chairman of the Committee: Cllr. B Gayler was elected chairman.
2. Apologies: Cllr. S Crick, J Richmond
3. Declarations of Interest: None
4. To review the terms of reference of the Committee, agreed by Council in August 2012 (copy attached), if necessary recommend to Council any alterations:
The committee recommend to Council that the following should be added to paragraph 2 iii of the Terms of Reference; Former BT Kiosks, WDPC owned facilities on the Five Acres site. All other paragraphs are satisfactory.
5. Update on the acquisition of the BT Kiosks and consider what actions we can take prior to the completion of the purchase. List of kiosks attached:

The PJ updated the meeting on the current position with the acquisition of the 14 former BT Kiosks. The Council have signed the contract and paid for the kiosks. BT have stated that they will now remove the telephone equipment, however, there is a delay in carrying this out, so we do not have a timescale at present. Once the equipment has been removed the sale will be completed.

BG stated that the equipment has been removed from the kiosk at Clements End.

Berry Hill ward have identified locations at Christchurch and The Globe as locations for a defibrillator. MC said that some money has already been pledged. PJ pointed out that currently the council give grants to support the installation of defibrillators and there is likely to be an increase in grant requests due to the acquisition of these 14 kiosks.

PJ was requested to contact BT and ask them to halt disconnection of power, until we have a clearer idea of power requirements for defibrillators etc. Once known the disconnection could re-start.

PJ suggested that a press release be issued asking members of the public for ideas on what use the kiosks could be put to.
6. To consider the development of a council policy on the provision of winter grit bins and waste bins. Grit bin locations provided by GCC attached.

In the first instance ***it was agreed to ask Ward Councillors to check the GCC list of grit bins within the parish and report on location, condition, type etc. Also suggest other locations by speaking to residents and their own knowledge. Sponsorship was being pursued by FMc and it was also suggested that Councillors may wish to seek sponsorship.***

PJ highlighted the fact that the purchase of the grit bins was the easy part, they would need to be installed and maintained, plus filled during the winter months.

PJ will produce a check sheet for Councillors to complete, with a target date for return of the 31st August 2018.

Waste Bins: Some requests for bins had been received by Councillors. However, the feeling of the meeting was that requests should continue to be considered on an ad-hoc basis. In considering such requests the overriding consideration must be the regular emptying of the bin. The law now allows the disposal of dog waste in general waste bins if it is 'bagged'.

7. Inclusive play equipment.

There was overwhelming support for this, the main issue is where to locate the equipment. Land would be required either purchase or as a gift, insurance and maintenance would also need to be considered. Grants are available for the equipment.

It was agreed to keep this on the agenda for Council. An article should also be put in the next issue of the Parish Newsletter.

8. To development of a map based asset register for land, buildings, bus shelters, former phone kiosks, waste bins, play parks, youth shelters, notice boards and other assets as appropriate.

PJ pointed out that we do subscribe to a Parish GIS system that is not used to its full potential. ***PJ agreed to work on this to develop a map-based asset register using specific parish layers of information when time allowed. The committee fully supported this and recommended to Council to allocate up to £500 to provide additional resources to support this work if required.***

Other Matters: MC raised the issue of the former Roll of Honour from Christchurch School, some time ago it was discussed that it should be relocated to the Primary School and mounted within a Perspex case, currently stored at the church. ***DK to pursue.*** It would be nice to have it in place for the start of the autumn term.

9. To Agree Agenda items for the next meeting.

Taken from these minutes

10. Date and time of next meeting: **September 11th 2018 - 5.30pm, Parish Office**