

**MINUTES OF THE AMENITY AREAS COMMITTEE MEETING OF ODIHAM PARISH
COUNCIL HELD IN THE BLUE CHAIR HALL, ROBERT MAYS SCHOOL, ODIHAM ON
TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2019 COMMENCING AT 09.08 PM**

Present: Cllrs J Raw (Chair), K Ball, J Coffey, R Coleman and W MacPhee

Also present: Cllr Ken Crookes – Hart DC
6 Members of the public

In attendance: Mary Harris (Locum Parish Clerk)

52/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr D Stewart

53/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr W MacPhee declared an interest in agenda items 57/19 and 59/19.

54/19 PUBLIC SESSION

A member of the public spoke about the proposed cost of the work on the zip-wire, designed to reduce noise. He believed there had only been one complaint and could not understand why Council was proposing to spend £250 to ameliorate this.

A further member of the public spoke to this item saying that he had made the original complaint and that there were other like minded residents in the local area who were annoyed by the noise of the zip wire which they felt had been placed too close to housing. He proposed to ask those residents to make their views known to the Council.

55/19 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

08 October 39/19 – 51/19

Cllr MacPhee advised that he had made a Declaration which was not recorded in the Minutes. The Minutes were not signed and were returned for correction and signature at the next meeting.

56/19 MATTERS ARISING

- *46/19 Beacon Field Track.* The track had been cut back as requested.
- *47/19 Cemetery Memorial Testing.* Alternative methods of risk assessment were being investigated with a view to making this a budget item for 20-21.
- *50/19 Guides and Tree-planting.* This had been delayed until the New Year. Cllr McFarlane proposed to keep in touch with the Guides in order to pursue this matter.

57/19 TENNIS CLUB LEASE

Cllr MacPhee declared a personal interest as a member of the tennis club and left the room for the entire debate and vote on agenda item 57/19.

Committee **AGREED** to rescind the previous Lease which had only been signed by Council members. Committee **AGREED** to sign the amended Lease before them and for this to be passed to the Tennis Club for signature. The Lease was signed.

58/19 LENGTHSMAN'S SCHEDULE

Cllr Coffey had produced a process for managing the work of the Lengthsman. This would enable Council to better manage this service. Committee **AGREED** to accept the proposed procedure. The report of The Clerk on the future of the Lengthsman service was also **NOTED**.

59/19 ZIP-WIRE

Cllr MacPhee declared a personal interest as the resident making the original claim was known to him and left the room for the entire debate and vote. The Chair, Cllr Raw, advised that he had visited the site and witnessed the unusual noise. He felt the proposal to pay for a modification was a good idea. Committee discussed the matter with concerns expressed that there had only been one complaint and that there was no confidence that the suggested modification would work. It was proposed that the Clerk try to find a site where the modification had been introduced to see if it worked but the Chair did not want to draw out the decision any longer. Following further discussion, it was proposed that Council go ahead and order the proposed modification (the details of which had been circulated). This was **AGREED**.

60/19 PLAYGROUND REPAIRS

Committee briefly discussed a paper which had been circulated. They **AGREED** to go ahead with Company A and items 1-6 and 10 as listed. There was general agreement that replacing the fence at Chapel Pond Drive as not worthwhile, however a cost-effective repair should be considered.

61/19 ALLOTMENT UPDATE

The previously circulated update was **NOTED**. The Clerk was requested to check what the planning requirements were in relation to sheds and tool-boxes and whether, if there were restrictions, this could be changed. It was pointed out that the allotments sit within the Conservation Area. Committee were told that in the absence at the present time, of an Allotment Holders Group that the allotment holders would like some way to contact each other. The Clerk volunteered to look into achieving this. The Chair suggested that the redundant 'Playground' sign on the site be removed. The Clerk would investigate.

62/19 BUS SHELTER

A paper had been circulated regarding this matter. It was confirmed this had been previously agreed by the Traffic and Transport Committee. The Clerk was asked to get the Admin Officer to follow up on this matter.

63/19 ACCESS FOR A SHEPHERDS HUT

The Clerk's previously circulated paper was discussed. With the caveats suggested Committee **AGREED** that permission be given.

64/19 REQUEST FOR AN ADDITIONAL BIN

Further to a request from a local resident this matter was discussed again however Committee **AGREED** unanimously not to install a bin at the requested location. They would try to contact the developer to ensure the existing bin was emptied more regularly also suggest that a larger bin might be desirable.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.04 pm.

Signed..... **Date**.....