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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, LEISURE, ENVIRONMENT AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE HELD AT ANGMERING LIBRARY ON WEDNESDAY 25 APRIL 2018

Present: Councillors Nikki Hamilton-Street (Chair); Norma Harris; Mike Hill-Smith; Mike Jones; Rhys Evans; Paul Bicknell

In attendance: Danni Mariner, Committee Clerk;

17/152 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. Roger Phelon.

17/153 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations made.

17/154 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Committee's meeting held on Wednesday 28 March 2018 were approved as a correct record and subsequently signed by the Chairman.

17/155 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

There were no members of the public present. Cllr. Bicknell raised the issue of landscaping waste in the vicinity of Dappers Lane and Water Lane junction. Action for the office to write to the property owner.

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17/156 THE COMMITTEE CLERK'S REPORT ON ANY MATTERS NOT INCLUDED ON THIS AGENDA

There was nothing to report.

17/157 EVENTS WORKING GROUP

1. The minutes of the Events Working Group were taken as read and Cllr. Jones gave a brief overview of the meeting.
2. Following a request from Events Working Group it was **PROPOSED** by Cllr. Bicknell, **SECONDED** by Cllr. Evans and **AGREED** by all to purchase commemorative bunting to mark the centenary of the end of World War 1.
3. The purchase of a gazebo sign written with Angmering Parish Council was discussed and it was agreed for the office to go ahead with obtaining quotations. Cllr. Jones said that he would be able to assist with storage.
4. It was reported by the office that some of the Christmas lights had been damaged over winter and it has been recommended by the Contractors to replace the entire set. It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr. Hill-Smith and **SECONDED** by Cllr. Jones and **AGREED** by all to go ahead with the quote supplied by Blachere Illuminations. Cllr. Bicknell raised the point of the wires running directly above the Portland stone benches which causes mess by birds perching on the wire.
5. A commemorative A3 poster had been identified by the office whilst researching Bunting. It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr. Harris and **SECONDED** by Cllr. Bicknell and **AGREED** by all to purchase enough to supply each shop, the library and the primary schools with a poster.
6. There were no items to be put forward to the Events Working Group.

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17/158 RESILIENCE WITHIN GROUND STAFF TEAM

The report was received and after discussion it was **PROPOSED** by Cllr. Bicknell, **SECONDED** by Cllr. Evans and **AGREED** by all for the office staff to instruct contractors as per the quotation received, when the office feel it necessary to do so. It was also suggested that a long term solution should be sought. **DM/CF**

17/159 PLAY AREA CONSULTATIONS

It has been suggested to take a more direct approach and issue questionnaires to Parents through the Primary Schools. Cllr. Hamilton-Street will be contacting a colleague in West Sussex County Council to request a copy of a similar questionnaire to use as a guide. Cllr. Bicknell said he would conduct a survey of the Play Areas during the May Bank Holiday. Office staff will liaise with Cllr. Bicknell in connection with this. It was suggested by all present that the consultation also be held at the St Peter and St Paul Annual Fair. **DM/CF**

17/160 MATTERS REQUIRING CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MEETINGS OF:

- 1) This Committee: As the Resilience Sub-committee has dissolved to include Resilience matters as a standing agenda item. **CF**
- 2) Full Council: None
- 3) Events Working Group: None

17/161 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee's next meeting would take place on Wednesday 30 May 2018 at 7:30pm in the Community Room of Angmering Library.

The meeting concluded at 20.27

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Chairman

Date.....

ANGMERING IN BLOOM ASSOCIATION

REPORT FOR PC CLEW MEETING

30 MAY 2018

Recent activities

We held our AGM on Wednesday 21 March where I was voted in as Chairman for my 5th year although requested more involvement from the rest of the team as I would not have the time or commitment to continue as I have been.

The area behind the new retaining wall on Water Lane was infilled with compost, generously supplied by Cllr Norma Harris, and then planted up with natural plants, similar to those already in situ.

We went along to St Margaret's School to help the children prune their orchard trees, this was very enjoyable for both the children and us.

We held a fundraising Plant Sale and Coffee morning in the Village Hall on Saturday 5th May which was very well supported and raised over £400 towards future projects.

We have had three new joiners to our Wednesday tidying group which has proved a great addition to our small team.

Future activities

We are funding the planting, by Ferring Nurseries, of the Village Hall bed again this year and have agreed on a display to celebrate the centenary of the RAF. The Village Hall Committee are arranging for several members of Princess Marina House to attend a small ceremony to unveil the plaque and bed on Saturday 2nd June at 10:30 followed by coffee, which we are pleased to be invited to.

Future Projects

Ferring Nurseries put together a proposal for Cooper Adams for the raised bed at the end of Station Road unfortunately this was deemed to be too expensive, so they are now looking at less expensive options. Once something has been agreed then a plan for the area would be required to enable the PC to apply to WSCC for a licence.

We have agreed that Nina, from JUNA, will plant and maintain the Beehive bed on the corner of Lansdowne Road, the licence for this bed is already in place.

We have been making more progress on the Village map project and the Arun District Council Art/Printing department are in the process of producing a draft design, which includes the art work produced by the local Angmering Art group alongside the photographs.

We have investigated the possibility of putting up some additional floral baskets on some of the lampposts in the conservation area, to complement the existing ones. The PC Office have gained approval from SSE for the ones we identified as possibilities and have filled in the necessary Consent form. We will now be looking at ways of funding these.



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EVENTS WORKING GROUP HELD AT ANGMERING LIBRARY ON WEDNESDAY 11 April 2018

Present: Councillors Mike Jones (Chair); Mike Hill-Smith;

In attendance: Danni Mariner; Alison Baker; Chris Jones; Roy Squires

17/021 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received for James Randell, Nikki Hamilton-Street and Linda Jones.

17/022 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations made.

17/023 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Committee's meeting held on Wednesday 14 March 2018 were approved as a correct record. The minutes of the Community Leisure Environment Wellbeing Committee (CLEWC) were also considered and noted.

17/024 ST PETER & ST PAUL ANNUAL FAIR 2018

Report was received.

17/025 BMX DAY 2018

The change of date from Saturday 8th September to Sunday 9th September at the request of the Contractor. It was noted from the minutes of the CLEWC that £5000 has been allocated to the BMX Day to include the contractors fee for running the event.

17/026 WORLD WAR ONE CENTENARY EVENTS

It was suggested that the Parish Council should purchase some bunting for the Village centre. This will be researched and put to CLEWC for decision. The large remembrance poppies will be mounted onto the lamp posts as soon as possible by Roy. However it was noted that with the grass cutting season upon us, this may not be done immediately. A quote for the projection of an image of poppies, from Royal British Legion, was considered but was deemed too expensive.

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17/027 OTHER PLANNED EVENTS

1. Memory Tree and Carols – It was noted that some damage has occurred to the Christmas lights in the Trees on the village green. Quotes will be sought and taken to CLEWC.
2. Christmas Day Lunch – No further comments.

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17/028 OTHER EVENTS THE EVENTS WORKING GROUP THINK MAY BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY

No further comments.

17/029 MATTERS REQUIRING CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MEETINGS OF:

1. This working group – The continuation of this Working Group.
2. The Community Leisure Environment Wellbeing Committee – please see reporting form.

17/030 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed by all to hold the next meeting on Wednesday 23 May 2018 at 7:30pm. The venue will be the Angmering Library.

The meeting concluded at 20:28

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Chairman

Date.....

Agenda Item 10.

To: Chair and Members, Angmering Parish Council's Community, Leisure, Environment and Wellbeing Committee.

Committee meeting Wednesday 30th May 2018.

Copy to: 25, 29, 31, 33 Roman Avenue.

From: Frederick (Fred) Weller, Angmering resident.

Date: 22nd May 2018

Re: Pippin Open Space. Decision of Committee to demolish Gazebo and outcomes.

Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I will be away on holiday on 30th May and unable to attend your committee meeting. Had I been home I would have done so to make the following points. I would be grateful, therefore, if you would consider this paper at your meeting.

1. I live at 27, Roman Avenue and my frontage overlooks Pippin Open Space.
2. The gazebo that has been removed was a permanent structure in that the contractors had to dig it out to demolish it because it was set into the ground. Their subsequent repair of the ground is shown in the attached photographs. As such it was not a temporary structure. Being a permanent structure, built as part of the Bramley Green development, it would be listed in the Parish Councils' schedule of properties owned or Held In Trust for the benefit of residents. The authority to demolish this structure would rest with the Full Council after consultation with the residents. Would the committee please let me know the legal basis on which they were authorised to have this gazebo demolished without reference to the Full Council.
3. Since the demolition of the gazebo the land on which it stood now stands out as something of an eyesore where once there was an attractive building. In making the decision to remove the gazebo I expect members also considered what would follow in terms of landscaping to ameliorate the impact of this decision. (see photograph previously). Would the committee please let me know what landscaping plans they now have for this area.
4. I have no quarrel with action to deal with anti-social behaviour. I am a 75-year-old retired police officer. In my many years of experience then and since I have found that personal approaches to young people to talk about the problems they are causing do often have a positive effect on their behaviour, although I accept that this is not always the case. In the response from Claire to my earlier messages (May 21 2018. 2.46pm) there was no reference to any committee Member or others making direct contact with those considered to be responsible for anti-social behaviour at this location. It infers that the committee relied upon "CCTV evidence of this and liaising with the Anti-social Behaviour Team at Arun District Council...." I would like to know if anyone actually visited the location and spoke to those concerned about the problems referred to.
5. Demolition of the gazebo has NOT made the problem go away. In fact, what has happened, and I would hope that members would have anticipated this, is that almost immediately young

people have taken to gathering in the under 8 children's play area at the other end of the Pippin Open Space. I have been over on three occasions and talked with them. The discussions have been entirely cordial. I have pointed out that the area is reserved for children under 8 and asked them to respect that fact. In particular I have asked them to make sure they take away their litter, especially their countless cigarette ends (rollups), pointing out to them how children as young as 2 and 3-year olds play there and children of that age tend naturally to put whatever they find into their mouths. I have not threatened them with calling the police to have them removed and I am certainly not physically equipped to do so myself. But we did come to an understanding that they would respect the area and what it was for.

6. In my first year in Angmering, some 3 years ago, I attend one of your committee meetings to point out the proliferation of litter around the village and ask what action is being taken to deal with it. Members will decide for themselves how effective whatever action they have taken has been in combatting the scourge of litter in Angmering. Since my arrival here I have taken personal and direct interest in keeping the whole of Pippin Open Space clear of litter, including the shrubbery around the play area. Over time I have collected countless bags of rubbish including plastic and glass bottles, garden waste and broken garden pots clearly thrown over the fence at the end of Cedar Close, sweet, crisp and other packets and even on one occasion a baby's dirty nappy and a child's sand pit. I continue to do so and will do all I can to keep this area as clean of rubbish as I can for the benefit of local residents, those children and parents visiting the play area and the birds and other wildlife that inhabit the shrubbery. Unfortunately, one particular group of young people did let themselves down by leaving behind a considerable number of cigarette ends and other litter, including 2 cellophane wraps that may have contained some illicit substance. I have not yet had the opportunity to see them again. Late last Sunday evening, 20 May, my wife saw a larger number of young people had gathered in the play area, perhaps 8 or 10 of them. They were playing music, smoking and enjoying their time together. They left at about 11.30pm but did not cause any significant disturbance. I went over to the play area the following morning and was surprised to find not a single cigarette end although there was some litter, some of which had obviously been thrown into the shrubbery. Other young people also meet in this play area and it is obvious that this is a location of choice for them to meet. I have no evidence as yet that their activities have deteriorated into actionable anti-social behaviour but it would be naïve to think it is unlikely to come about. I anticipate a significant increase in visits by young people to this play area during the summer months. Because all this activity can be considered a direct outcome of the decision to demolish the gazebo I would be grateful if members would comment on the record what they intend to do about it, particularly bearing in mind the use of this play area reserved for children under 8. (Please do not consider demolishing this too.)
7. As in one of my earlier emails to Claire, I reiterate my invitation to the Chair and other Members to visit me at home to discuss the issues I have raised and the action planned by the council.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Fred Weller