

**CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL****AMENITY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenity Committee held in the Council House, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 26 September 2007.

Present: Cllr C Francis-Pester – Chairman in the CHAIR Cllrs C Blades L Little, G Morris, G Watkins

Apologies: Cllrs E Blades - unwell; T Morgan - holiday.

7.30 pm INFORMAL BUSINESS - AMENITY AREAS - NSC UPDATE

Mr S Banbury and Mr C Webber gave details as per minute AM/07/60 below.

AM07/56 MINUTES The minutes of the Amenity Committee meeting held on 8 August 2007 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

AM/07/57 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none were made

Min No.		Action
<b>PART 1 items - REQUIRING APPROVAL BY COUNCIL</b>		
AM/07/58	<p><u>HERBERT GARDENS - BOUNDARY WALL REPAIRS</u> The Committee considered a quotation to carry out works to the wall in Herbert Road; Refit coping stones and replace where necessary (85 linear metres) £1,345.00</p> <p>Wall damaged by tree roots and bulging over public footpath Area 'A' 4 metres long x 1.20 metres high (south of gate entrance) £1,475.00 Area 'B' 6 metres long x 1.20 metres high (north of gate entrance) £2,210.00</p> <p>Members were given information on 2007/08 budget funds for Herbert Gardens – which would not cover the full cost of these urgent works, needed to prevent further damage. <b>RESOLVED:</b> RECOMMEND COUNCIL accept quotation for coping stones only £1,345 to be funded from the Amenity Committee budget but any shortfall to be funded from General Reserves. The remaining works to be budgeted for the next financial year – 2008/09.</p>	Office to action after full Council
AM/07/59	<p><u>CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CONTRACT 2007/08</u> – Figures awaited, received following the meeting <b>RESOLVED:</b> RECOMMEND COUNCIL accepts the quotation of £3,785 for 2007/08 lights</p>	
<b>PART 2 items - ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE UNDER DELEGATED POWERS</b>		
AM/07/60	<p><u>AMENITY AREAS &amp; NSC UPDATE</u> In future Simon Banbury and Chris Webber will both attend alternate meetings. Chairman expressed a hoped this would not delay works.</p> <p>60.1 <u>Marine Lake</u> - Works to railings should now been complete.</p> <p>60.2 <u>Marshall's Field</u> - Security measures now installed. Further work to grass in autumn. Security bollards also being installed at Hazel Close.</p> <p>60.3 <u>Salthouse Fields Refreshment Kiosk</u> No section 106 monies for Salthouse Fields however NSC have secured £20,000 to carry out the work. NSC Property Management inspecting the building for asbestos etc. Hope work can be completed before Spring.</p> <p>60.4 <u>MUGA</u> Salthouse is not being progressed following NSC funding review therefore work to refurbish tennis courts will also not be carried out. See AM/07/61 below</p> <p>60.5 <u>Lovers Walk</u> Dangerous fencing now renewed.</p> <p>60.6 <u>Poets Walk</u> Pauline Pearce arranging the annual cut of plateau area and Path.</p> <p>60.7 <u>Dial Hill</u> Steps behind the cricket pavilion have been renewed.</p> <p>60.8 <u>Alexandra Gardens</u> New hand rail fitted.</p> <p>60.9 <u>Broken Benches</u> Ed McKay investigating.</p> <p>60.10 <u>Queens Square</u> Ed McKay trying to contact DTZ who have changed their agent. No progress with the pond, seats or general maintenance of DTZ's area of the Square. NSC area around tree and behind public toilets in need of weeding and clearing.</p> <p>60.11 <u>Play Areas</u> Equipment ordered for Hazel Close and replacement equipment for Salthouse Fields. The Committee disappointed at the delay in completing the Hazel Close and Cherry Avenue play areas. Section 106 funding available for the Esmond Grove play area. The future use of the Valley Road play area is open for consideration.</p> <p>60.12 <u>Section 106 Funding</u> To invite Mr Mark McGregor who has taken over from Mr Akester at NSC to attend the next meeting to ascertain what funding is available for Clevedon and in which areas of the town. To investigate possibility of 106 funding for the tennis courts and possibly changing facilities for Marine Lake although this may be dependent on any development at Clevedon Hall.</p>	60.10 Ed McKay & Ctte Chairman 60.11 follow up 60.12 Next agenda

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AM/07/61	<u>DOG BIN REVIEW</u> North Ward: <u>Dog Bins</u> Alexandra Grdns, Hill Rd entrance - no bin lid ; Pier Copse, Alexandra Rd entrance in need of replacement; Sunhill Park bin in need of replacement; Marine Parade bin off cliff path not emptied regularly. <u>Litter Bins</u> seafront open topped bins need replacing. Walton Ward: <u>Dog Bins</u> Request additional bins; either end of Lovers Walk - Marine Parade and Walton Park; Path running parallel with Kings Rd one at unadopted road off Kings Rd and one at the Dial Hill Rd / Zig Zag end; Entrance to area to Old Park Rd. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Above comments handed to Mr Banbury for investigation.	Simon Banbury
AM/07/62	<u>SALTHOUSE FIELDS PLAY POD &amp; MUGA FACILITIES</u> AM/07/50 Following the discussions during Informal Business, Members felt they would like to make efforts to request NSC reinstate the proposals for MUGA facility for Salthouse Fields. <b>RESOLVED:</b> To write to the NSC Executive Member asking for reinstatement of the MUGA.	Office to action
AM/07/63 63.1 63.2	<u>HERBERT GARDENS</u> <u>DAMAGE TO WALL BETWEEN 23 LINDEN ROAD HERBERT GARDENS</u> The Clerk reported there will be a claim for approximately £1,000 for repairs to this party wall. <u>TENNIS CLUB LEASE</u> AM/07/51.3 Commenced discussions with Solicitor on work on lease.	Office to action
AM/07/64 64.1 64.2	<u>CHRISTMAS LIGHTS</u> <u>COMMEMORATIVE LIGHTS</u> AM/07/51.2 - A second tree has been ordered to be erected at the end of the one way section of Hill Road where the pavement is wide. <u>TRIANGLE MAINTENANCE WORK</u> AM/07/51.3 – Date of works awaited.	Noted
AM/07/65 65.1 65.2 65.3	<u>REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES</u> <u>CLEVEDON PIER TRUST</u> - September meeting cancelled. <u>CLEVEDON TOURISM GROUP</u> - Cllr Dagnall reported; New action plan. Pleased Chairmen of Clevedon Council & N Somerset Council at the last meeting. Piermaster now Group Vice-Chairman. MARLENS event was successful. Flower Power to be advertised earlier next year. <u>STRODE CENTRE USER CTTE</u> - No regular meetings - under review. A meeting at each North Somerset Leisure Centre once a year.	

8.30pm INFORMAL BUSINESS - HILL ROAD CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AM/07/51.1 In attendance:

Bob Hughes, Amy Bennett and Hannah Wilkinson - Hill Road Traders Assoc NSC had now published a document in conjunction with the County Surveyors Society & Institution of Lighting Engineers detailing health and safety policies with regard to decorative lights. As a result of this information;

- Street light columns in Hill Road will not be allowed to have decorations attached as in past years.
- Festoon cables across the highway in Hill Road cannot be accommodated using the existing infrastructure (the cables could not be fixed high enough above the road to meet the requirements).

The Contractor has advised temporary columns to support cables, and/or decorations, is an expensive option and will require planning permission, therefore not feasible for the forthcoming season. The only option would be mounting the existing Christmas light decorations (used in the past 2 years) or additional decorations being offered for sale by Swindon on properties in Hill Road. The owners must be willing to assist with the power supply.

The Hill Road Traders felt a few decorations on buildings would not be sufficient and therefore proposed to organise individual traders to provide their own lights/Christmas tree, similar to Alexandra Road display last year. However by next year they hoped to progress with NSC 10 permanent poles on the Alexandra Gardens side of the road which could be used for floral displays and Christmas lights, similar to those used in other local towns. Mr Hughes had spoke to the North Somerset Times as he felt it was important the public knew the situation with regard to the delay in the new Christmas lights display, following the fund raising ball last year. The Hill Road Traders thanked Members for their help and hoped they could assist in progressing this with NSC.

AM/07/66	<u>HILL ROAD CHRISTMAS LIGHTS</u> See Informal Business above. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Committee Chairman to ascertain who should be approached at NSC.	Ctte Chairman
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APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN: .....

The meeting finished at 8.53 pm

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