

Minutes of a meeting of the AMENITIES COMMITTEE

held in the Guild Hall Chamber on Monday 30th January 2017 at 6pm.

Present: Town Mayor, R. S. Jones and Councillors T. Allen, Ms. V. M. Dawson, C. Goddard, E. H. Last (Chairman) and M. F. Sweeney.

Town Clerk, Angela Alexander.

Mr. Giles Barnard Community Safety Officer Shepway District Council.
Nicola Baker Family Champion.

42 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. C. Goddard declared an interest in all matters relating to Shepway District Council.

Cllr. Ms. V. M. Dawson said that she had found Giles very helpful during her time as a District Councillor.

43 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on 14th November 2016 were approved and signed as a true record.

RESOLVED: Proposed Cllr. Ms. Dawson and seconded Cllr. R. Jones. Unanimous.

44 GILES BARNARD COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICER SHEPWAY DISTRICT COUNCIL

The meeting was adjourned to receive advice and guidance on the following matters:

a) Preventative measures to the vandalism on the Manor Road Pavilion Roof.

Mr. Giles Barnard reported that he had met with the Town Clerk and Cllr. Last regarding the vandalism to Manor Road Pavilion, he said it was a bit out of the way and there were a small number of youngsters causing the problems. The Police are doing all they can and going round on a regular basis. He said it is ridiculously easy to get up on the roof and cause damage and he had looked at measures such as anti-climb paint and rolling spikes which are expensive and would not work if the fire escape steps required a barrier. He had spoken with Nick Dennis of Kent Fire and Rescue and it was up to the Committee to agree if we wanted a visit regarding the fire exit so that recommendations could be acted upon. Giles said the ideal would be to brick up the fire exit, remove the steps and install plastic spikes to the roof edge. Kent Fire and Rescue would need to agree to the removal of the steps. Giles would then arrange for us to be given the spikes and anti-climb paint. If the removal of the steps were not possible then we could consider the install of a 'mosquito' to stop youngsters hanging around and roller edging. The CSU could make a contribution to these.

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr. Goddard and unanimously agreed that Kent Fire and Rescue be asked to visit and carry out an inspection at Manor Road Pavilion and decide if the fire exit could be bricked and the steps could be removed.

Mr. Giles Barnard agreed to make this arrangement and also gave Cllr. Goddard 2 x No Ball Game signs for Coronation Square where there had been problems with ASB and complaints by residents.

b) Project on The Rype to provide equipment for the teenage age group.

Mr. Giles Barnard advised the Committee that there has been an ongoing problem in Coronation Square for a number of years and something was needed to occupy younger people in the area. A MUGA would be the most successful option and best use of funds as they can be used by boys and girls for football, netball, basketball etc. The reason that many parishes have installed MUGAs is that they work and attract people away from the problem areas. They are easily lit and policed, ASB is reduced and health and well-being increased. A MUGA could be installed adjacent to the

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b) Project on The Rype to provide equipment for the teenage age group cont'd.
 existing play equipment on the Rype and it has been proved time and time again that putting together leisure equipment for mixtures of generations works better and behaviour improves. MUGAs are completely modular and can be aesthetically designed to have a green surface and any chosen colour for the ends and sides. They are costly but Giles said he has spoken to his manager and approached Mr. Roger De Haan which is knocking on an open door and would also be going to the Power Station and the Wind Farm to discuss this project. Residents would need to get behind the project. Planning permission would be required. In relation to outdoor gym equipment he commented that this is high maintenance and often not well used. The Chairman thanked Mr. Giles Barnard and Nicola Baker for attending and the meeting was reconvened.

45 ENERGY SUPPLY REVIEW (Appendix A – page 41)

The Clerk advised that following the proposal by Cllr. Last at the January Council meeting that we go to an energy review company for the Gas renewal, the same exercise had been done with the electricity which was due for renewal in March.

A spreadsheet was tabled showing the current renewal offer from both EDF and British Gas for the Guild Hall and from EDF for the Manor Road Pavilion and the garages. The spreadsheet also showed the best offers from Corona Energy and Gaz Prom.

It was proposed by Cllr. R. Jones and seconded by Cllr. Allen that we remain with British Gas Voting 2 for and 4 against. The vote was lost.

RESOLVED: That it is recommended that Lydd Town Council switch to Corona Energy for electricity and Gaz Prom for gas supply. Proposed by Cllr. Last and seconded by Cllr. Goddard.

Voting 4 for and against 2.

The Town Clerk advised that these prices are obtained from a 'live' market and there may be fluctuation on the prices obtained on Monday to provide to full Council.

46 BANKS PAVILION (Appendix B – page 42)

A letter had been received from Mr. Lawrence Addy as Lydd Cricket Club Groundsman and Committee Member detailing work he had identified for the exterior of the Banks Pavilion. The Town Council handyman had been asked to photograph the items and provide a report which had been circulated. The Town Mayor said that he had spoken to Mr. Addy was willing to carry out the work himself and believed that we should accept his offer to do so as he was skilled in this area of work. Cllr. Goddard agreed and added that the Town Council should purchase and provide the materials and offer the services of our handyman as a labourer to Mr. Addy.

RESOLVED: That this proposal be put to Mr. Addy. Unanimous.

47 MEMORY UPGRADE TO COMPUTERS

An upgrade was now needed for RAM upgrades for 2 office computers quotation from Infini as follows:

2 x 4 GB RAM Modules for HP 8200 Elite	£89
Fitting	£30

**RESOLVED: To proceed with the upgrade.
 5 for, against 0, abstention 1 (Cllr. C. Goddard)**

48 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

a) Manor Road Pavilion Roof repairs

Following the initial insurance claim form being submitted and the 2 quotes required by the insurers it had been advised that the insurers would accept the less expensive quotation from JDR Builders. The Chairman has asked the clerk to approach the insurers to see if Hollingworth (the more expensive quote) would be acceptable but this was not accepted. Whilst this negotiation was going ahead further damage was done to the roof and the insurers contacted again who asked for a new quotation only from JDR as their accepted builder. This was now received and being progressed. Due to these issues the Town Clerk had made contact with Mr. Giles Barnard Shepway CSU to discuss measure to prevent further damage.

b) Manor Road Pavilion Interior Decoration

The Clerk advised that she had discussed this matter with the Mayor who had originally agreed to carry out painting and decorating in the Pavilion but due to ill health and other commitments had not been able to progress this work. Following conversations with the Chairman of Personnel and Amenities Committees and the Mayor the Town Clerk had now added this to the day to day work schedule of the handyman.

c) Memorial Garden Pathway

The Clerk reported that this work was now complete including the few meters at the Park Street entrance where tarmac had run short. It was agreed that an excellent job had been achieved by Ashford Tarmac.

d) Guild Hall pipework replacement

The Clerk explained that there was a sum in the budget for the next financial year to replace the central heating pipework but since the budget had been set the pipes had failed several times and the heating was now off and the building was cold to work in. Two quotations were circulated with another expected to replace the pipework to 19 radiators, take out the old pipework and test the central heating system. Approx. 3 weeks work for 2 people.

Jason Deane £4,580

DW Nield Plumbing £4,350

Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Jones and seconded by Cllr. Allen and agreed that Jason Deane had done a good job so far in repairs and new the problems with the existing system. Cllr. Goddard asked if there was sufficient money in the budget head and the Clerk advised that £3,500 had been allowed so a virement from reserves would be needed.

RESOLVED: That a recommendation go to full Council on Monday 6th February that Jason Deane be awarded the contract and sufficient funds made available to allow the work to be carried out without delay. Unanimous.

e) Replacement Chair

The Town Clerk reported that her office chair was now not fit for purpose which the Town Mayor agreed with.

RESOLVED: That a new chair be purchased. 5 for, abstention 1 (Cllr. C. Goddard)

49 PRESS AND PUBLIC EXLUDED

Cllr. Last proposed that press and public be excluded so that he may report on confidential information.

RESOLVED: Unanimous.

50 MANOR ROAD PAVILION/GODDEN ALLEN LAWN

The Committee was advised that the following information was not to be discussed outside the meeting. A report followed regarding Godden Allen Lawn in relation to the work and contract for the Manor Road Pavilion.

The meeting closed at 7.16 pm.

Chairman_____

Date_____

Appendix A to the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting on 30th January 2017

Lydd Town Council Energy Renewal - 3 year proposal and Renewal

Guildford Supplier Renewal offer

Meter Number	Current Supplier	Usage		Standing charge (p/day)	Unit rate (kwh/h)	Annual Cost (£)
1900004190898	EDF	4347		0.25	15.14	£659.05
1900004190903	EDF	1		0.25	15.14	£1.06
1900004190912	EDF	4257		0.25	14.14	£602.85
						£1,262.96
66316600	British Gas	55251		140.679	3.282	£2,326.82
						£3,589.78

Guildford NE Solutions Suppliers offer

Meter Number	Supplier Offering	Usage		Standing charge (p/day)	Unit rate (kwh/h)	Annual Cost (£)
1900004190898	Corona Energy	4347		0.28	13.997	£609.47
1900004190903	Corona Energy	1		0.28	13.997	£1.16
1900004190912	Corona Energy	4257		0.28	13.997	£596.87
						£1,207.51
66316600	Gaz Prom	55251		166.82	2.769	£2,138.79
						£3,346.30

Pavilion Energy Renewal Offer

Meter Number	Supplier Offering	Usage		Standing charge (p/day)	Unit rate (kwh/h)	Annual Cost (£)
1900037211470	EDF	500		0.25	15.14	£76.61

Pavilion NE Solutions Energy offer

Meter Number	Supplier Offering	Usage		Standing charge (p/day)	Unit rate (kwh/h)	Annual Cost (£)
1900037211470	Corona	500		0.28	13.997	£71.01

Garage Energy Renewal Offer

Meter Number	Supplier Offering	Usage		Standing charge (p/day)	Unit rate (kwh/h)	Annual Cost (£)
1900037211470	EDF	200		0.25	15.14	£31.19

Garage NE Solutions offer

Meter Number	Supplier Offering	Usage		Standing charge (p/day)	Unit rate (kwh/h)	Annual Cost (£)
1900037211470	Corona	200		0.28	13.997	£29.02

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FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL COUNCILLORS

5th January 2017

Dear Town Clerk,

Happy New Year to you all.

I am writing this letter on behalf of Lydd Cricket Club and The Banks Sports & Social Club.

We are hoping to upgrade the Balcony area part of the Club House which is in much need of some work carried out to bring it back to looking like it should . Some of this work now probably comes under Health & Safety laws, ie broken and loose slabs on the front footpath, crumbling concrete along the Balcony area , which are possible trip hazards. We would also like to add a much needed wheelchair access into the building for function use etc.

The exterior of the building is in much need also of some repair, painting, loose boarding, small areas of rotting timber, broken guttering, and rotting window shutters.

We are requesting help with funds towards this project and are aware that the Town Council are offering small grants to Local Voluntary Groups.

Perhaps we could then get together as a body with the Council to help with this work, as we are aware that the exterior is LTC 's responsibility, but we feel as a Club that it would be a shame if the Club House be left to deteriorate as it is an asset to the Town. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

MR LAWRENCE ADDY

(Lydd Cricket Club Groundsman and Committee Member)

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