

WALMER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenity and Environment Committee held on

Wednesday 15 November 2017 at 7pm at the Parish Council Office.

Present: Councillors: B Pitcher, Mrs M Johnson, Mrs M Beard-Gould & J Murray

Officer Present: Sarah Pews

967. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

968. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were declared

969. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

Those present were reminded of the following: -

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970. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20 September 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

971. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

Min 962.

(ii) Plot 10 Allotment. It was agreed that the out-going tenant had not complied with the Council's request to meet on site and appears to have accessed the site and removed the shed without permission. Since the notice to quit had been served outside of the final three months of the year she is not entitled to a pro-rata refund.

iii) Four Buddleia have been removed

Min 966.

Cllr James Murray advised members that he had contacted both KCC members for Deal and Walmer and KCC member for Kingsdown and have yet to receive a response

The Assistant Clerk updated members regarding the Captains Garden. Ben Palmer from Deal Castle and Steve Wakeford from Deal Hop Farm are planning to grow hops in a small area behind the stables.

RESOLVED: Members would like to request that Steve Wakeford from Deal Hop Farm and Ben Palmer from Deal Castle attend the next meeting on the 31st January 2018 to update them on this project.

972. ALLOTMENTS

i) Members reviewed a copy of the Tenancy Agreement and considered any amendments

RESOLVED: 1.3.4 That the word full be removed.

1.5.2b) That the Clerk will check whether it is necessary to obtain proof of tenants' insurance

ii) Members considered whether to increase allotment rents for 2019

RESOLVED: - That the discounted rate be decreased to 15% for those payments made before 31st January. Fees will therefore stand at £45 (£38), £60 (£51) and £75 (£63) from January 2019.

iii) Members considered four quotes to reinstate the fence at the boundary between plots 4 and 4a and neighbouring properties at Campbell Road.

RECOMMENDATION: - That the quote from Quality Fencing be accepted at a cost of £823.00 +VAT

973. HISTORIC VILLAGE SIGNAGE

Members received a response from the Dover Museum regarding changes to the historic noticeboard at Station Road.

RESOLVED: That the agenda item be deferred to 31st January 2018 in order that councillors consider the course of action they would like to take.

974. YORK AND ALBANY

i) Members received an inspection report

RESOLVED: - Members requested more information regarding which sign is very faded and where is it positioned

ii) Members received two quotes to cut the hedge to the same height as the fence

RECOMMENDATION: - That the quote from James Heathorn be accepted at a cost of £550.

975. STONY PATH

i) Members received an update from the Clerk who reported that the Land Registry had requested further information, so presumably the case is moving forward, but has not reached a conclusion yet.

ii) Members considered two quotes to clear the land

Since the enquiry with the Land Registry is not yet concluded it was considered presumptuous to accept either quote. Instead members requested a separate quote to remove the asbestos.

976. TREE PLANTING PROJECT

Members received an outline proposal to restart the project from Cllr Mrs Beard-Gould. The Assistant Clerk confirmed that there is still £5742 ring-fenced for this project.

RECOMMENDATION: That £2745 be spent on additional tree planting in Lower Walmer. Sites to be agreed with KCC.

977. BUDGET

Member considered the anticipated spend for the current year.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note. Without the presence of the Responsible Financial Officer, Councillors were unable to consider compiling a budget for 2018/19. The RFO will provide figures for consideration via email.

978. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 31st January 2017 at 7pm at the parish office

The meeting closed at 8:35 pm

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Signature

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Date