

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY 17 JANUARY, 2012 at 6.30pm
AT COMMUNITY HOUSE, ANZAC ROOM**

Committee Members	Councillors:	C Bishop I Buchanan J Harris P Howson J. Livings	Mrs. E Merry (Vice Chair) R Robertson A Sargent (Chair) A Smith
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Present	Councillors:	I. Buchanan J. Harris P. Howson Mrs. H Livings J. Livings	Mrs. E Merry (Vice Chair) R. Robertson A. Sargent (Chair) Mrs. E Simmons
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In Attendance Mr. Steve Keogh, Asst. Town Clerk (Leisure & Amenities)

LA74 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A West Ward resident asked if there were plans to upgrade the kitchen and install a dish washer at the site.

Cllrs Buchanan and Sargent agreed that this should be investigated.

The same resident asked if Members were aware that the Sainsbury's development had included a disabled flat at the site.

Cllr Howson confirmed that this was the case.

LA75 JULIA WINKLER TO GIVE A SHORT EXPLANATION REGARDING HER HISTORY PROJECT ON PEACEHAVEN

The presentation did not proceed as the speaker was absent.

LA76 TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The following apologies for absence were noted.

Cllrs Bishop who had a business commitment. Cllr. Mrs. H Livings substituted for C Bishop.

Cllr A. Smith who had a family commitment. Cllr Mrs. E Simmons substituted for A Smith.

LA77 TO APPROVE & SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 22 NOVEMBER, 2011

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22 November, 2011 were **AGREED** and signed by the Chair as a true record.

Updates:

A letter had been sent along with the allotment holders as part of the renewal process, so far 46 of the plot holders had renewed with 2 plots to be allocated to people on the waiting list.

The head teacher of Hoddern Community junior School was not in a position to give permission to use the school pool as the school was in the process of merging with Peacehaven Infants.

The registration of the jubilee beacon. Cllrs R Robertson and J Harris have been investigating the beacon as part of the Jubilee/Olympics Sub Committee. There is still a possibility that an official beacon would be forthcoming from the Lord Lieutenant's office. The subject of planning permission would also be investigated.

LA78 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Young Mayor was not able to attend the meeting but in her absence the total raise so far for her charity was reported:

The amount raised so far for the ABC Fund is £954.00

It was agreed that the Young Mayor should be congratulated for raising this amount.

2. It has been reported by LDC that the War Memorial would not require planning permission
3. The Chairman had received information regarding the Ouse Valley Cycle initiative and feels that the project could be supported by the Town Council further information to be brought to a future meeting.

LA79 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Cllrs. R. Robertson, J Harris, P Howson and Mrs. E Merry declared an interest in the Section106 Projects and the Big Parks Project as they are District Councillors.

Cllr. J. Livings declared an interest in the Big Park Project as he is an East Sussex County Councillor.

LA80 SAINSBURY'SSECTION 106 PROJECTS

The report was **NOTED**.

Cllr. Mrs H Livings asked that any investigations regarding the play equipment in Epinay Park include consultation with the Head Teacher of Meridian Community Primary School.

Cllr. J Livings also reiterated the issue that the North of the Town was in need of improved facilities and that Epinay Park should be priority for future spending.

Cllr Buchanan reported that the flats had been occupied for some weeks.

LA81 PROJECT UPDATE

The report was **NOTED**

Cllr Sargent stated that he would deal with the issue of the water meters.

Cllr Robertson asked for the Groundstaff to be praised for the tree planting works.

Cllr H Livings praised the Autumn and Winter works schedule, it gave a clear indication of the works which had been carried out and those which were outstanding.

LA82 NEW CARETAKER

The report and attached minutes were **NOTED**.

Cllr Buchanan and J Livings were concerned that the appointment had not been through the employment sub committee.

Cllr H livings supported the decision to employ the caretaker, as the new structure had given the Assistant Town Clerks more responsibility, the employment of staff being one.

LA83 PEACE PARK

The report was **NOTED**

The presentation was very informative and gave an insight into the Sub Committee's vision of the park.

Parking was brought up as an issue as disabled and other users may not be willing to walk to the park.

The exact boundary of the site to be confirmed and the owner of the access path if not LDC.

A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Harris and Marry for the presentation.

LA84 WAR MEMORIAL

The report was **NOTED**.

Cllr Buchanan explained that the war Memorial fund thermometer had not been raised in the last few months as the amount raised had increased but there had been some spending which had drastically reduced the amount in the war memorial fund, therefore the reading would have been reduced, to ensure that the public did not get a false reading.

The fund stands at £2,261.82, but this would be reduced by £660.00 once the invoice had been received for the structural calculations.

A further £5,000 has been pledged to the project for the 2012/2013 financial year and this will be reflected in the thermometer.

LA85 JUBILEE/OLYMPICS

The Report was **NOTED**.

Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee

The plans for the events were going very well.

The main event will be the 3 June Tea in the Park which will be at the Piddinghoe Avenue Sports Park.

There would be entertainment and competitions through the afternoon.

Telscombe Town Council Clerk to be invited to next meeting.

LDC have a grant which may be used for the Jubilee.

The Olympics

Flags on the lampposts in the Town

Torch procession being discussed with School.

Coverage of opening & Closing ceremonies.

LA86 BIG PARKS PROJECT

The Report was **NOTED**.

Cllr. A Sargent explained that a landscape architect had been employed and there will be a further meeting on 15 January.

Cllr. Smith to give an update at Full Council meeting.

Cllr. I Buchanan commented that he was not pleased at the use of consultants which is using a great deal of the funding.

LA87 BUDGET REVIEW

Because of the late issue, it was **AGREED** that it was not suitable for the information to be produced at the meeting and expect Members to make a decision, having not read what was tabled.

It was **AGREED** that the decision to note the report would be deferred to an extraordinary Meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee to take place on 24 January 2012.

LA88 HEALTH & WELL BEING FRAMEWORK

It was **AGREED** that the Council would not fund the Health & Wellbeing Framework at the reduced cost of £1000 at this stage.

Further information regarding the ESCC Wellbeing Board would be requested before a decision was made and the subject may be discussed further at an extraordinary meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee.

Cllr Howson would speak to colleagues at ESCC and find out whether there was benefit from being part of the new framework.

It was **AGREED** that any decision would be deferred to an extraordinary Meeting of the Committee to take place on 24 January 2012.

LA89 TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee would be on **TUESDAY, 6 MARCH, 2012 at 6.30pm.**

THE MEETING ENDED AT 8.20PM

SIGNED BY THE CHAIR:

DATED