

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD AT GINGKOES,
PIKES HILL AVENUE, LYNDHURST ON TUESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2006 AT 7.15 PM

Present Mr F Alexander (Chairman), Mr G Bisson and Mrs P Wyeth.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs M Weston.

Apologies for
Absence None.

Minutes The Chairman read the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 5 October 2005.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

Matters
Arising

(a) Gales Green

It was noted that motorists were still driving across the Green.

(b) Parking opposite Magistrates Court and Forest Lodge Hotel

It was noted that this problem continued.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to Supt Anne Wakefield asking if steps could be taken to provide more parking within the grounds as it had originally been agreed that cars would not be parked on the verges. A copy of this letter would be sent to the County Council.

(c) Twinning Association Tree

It was noted that the tree at the Community Centre would have to be removed when the building was extended. Mr Bisson reported that advice had been taken from NF NPA arboriculturalist who had said that it was unlikely that the tree would survive relocation.

(d) Dog Collection Bins

RESOLVED: That Mrs Wyeth enquire as to whether the dog collection bin at Great Mead was used.

Election of
Chairman

Mr Bisson proposed, Mrs Wyeth seconded that Mr Alexander be elected as Chairman. There were no other nominations.

RESOLVED: That Mr Alexander be elected Chairman of the Amenities Committee for the ensuing year.

Daffodils

More bulbs had been purchased for planting this year and the work had been put out to tender. The bulbs would all be planted in the vicinity of Goose Green.

RESOLVED: That another 50 kilos of bulbs be purchased for next year.

Seat and Bus Shelter Maintenance (a) **Bus Shelters**

The Chairman reported that the shelter at Foxlease had been refurbished although the shelter on the A35 near the Caravan Park needed cleaning. Mrs Wyeth reported that she had been notified that the glass in the shelter near the Police Station had been damaged.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Chairman prepare a specification of work involved to clean the shelter near the Caravan Park, put the work out to tender and be authorised to accept a suitable tender.
- (b) That the Chairman examine the damage to the bus shelter near the Police Station and that the Clerk arrange the necessary repairs, stipulating that the damaged glass be replaced with polycarbonate.

(b) **Public Seating**

The Chairman reported that most of the seats were in a good condition, although the two seats near the Cemetery would eventually need maintenance or replacement. The Chairman presented a schedule of thirty public seats maintained by the Parish Council.

Graffiti removal provisions

It was agreed that although graffiti had not proved to be a great problem recently allowance should be made in next year's budget for this item. It was agreed that the policy of immediate removal of graffiti had proved successful.

Policy on future public seating

RESOLVED: That no more seats would be allowed for the present although a waiting list would be compiled so that when seats need to be replaced those on the list could be invited to dedicate a seat and provision would be made for seat maintenance in the amount charged.

Any Other Financial Commitments

Noticeboards

The Clerk reported that the Noticeboard at the exit to the car park was giving cause for concern due to water ingress.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman examine the noticeboard to see if any action could be taken to improve the situation.

Estimate 2007/2008

The following estimates of expenditure were made:

Bulbs	£150.00
Seat Maintenance	£400.00
Graffiti removal	£200.00
Bus Shelter Maintenance	£200.00
Bulbs	£500.00
Dog waste collection	£600.00
Noticeboards	£200.00
Total	£1,750.00

Any Other
Business

(a) Disabled Access at Meridien Garage

It was understood that a complaint had been made regarding the right of way access on this land.

(b) Great Mead

It was noted that the maintenance of land at Great Mead would come within the scope of the Amenities Committee in due course.

In the absence of any other business the Chairman thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting.

Chairman _____

Date _____