



The minutes of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** held on **Monday 26th June 2023**.

At The Willingdon Hub Library, Coppice Avenue, Willingdon.

Present: Cllrs Christine Payne MBE (Chair), Helen Coote (HC), Howard Coote (HC), Sally Morris (SM), Ian Nisbet (IN),

In Attendance: Nicola Williamson – Parish Clerk (NW), 4 x Members of the Public.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action By</u>
A23/14	<u>Apologies, Councillors not present and notification of substitutes</u> There were Apologies received from Cllr J Pritchett who was away. These Apologies were NOTED and APPROVED . Cllr Payne wanted to start the meeting by thanking previous Chair Ryan Weedon for the excellent job he has done in the last year. It has been very much appreciated by everyone.	
A23/15	<u>To sign the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20th January 2023.</u> RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20 th January 2023 as an accurate and true record and were signed by Chair Christine Payne.	
A23/16	<u>Declarations of interest</u> There were no declarations of interests.	
A23/17	<u>Public Question Time</u> – to deal with any questions received from members of the public relating to items on this agenda. There were four members of the Public to talk about item A23/18.	
A23/18	<u>Jevington Soakaway</u> <i>*Standing Orders were suspended*</i> Chair Cllr Payne invited the members of public to speak and express their concerns about the Jevington soakaway. They had previously complained about the long grass/wildflowers that had recently been cut as part of the Parish Contract. They were upset that when the long grass/wildflowers are cut it is destroying the habitat of butterflies, lizards, toads and many more and the wildflowers too. Now this is cut back three times a year. The Members discussed the matter with the residents and offered a solution of cutting back the grass once a year in early September. The residents thought this is a promising idea. Members then AGREED to only cut the grass back once a year in early September. The residents suggested that the Sussex Wildlife Trust should take over looking after this historical site. NW to investigate this further. <i>7.48pm - The four Members of Public left the meeting.</i> <i>*Standing Orders were re-instated*</i>	NW
A23/19	<u>To consider the Clerks Report</u> The Clerk's report which had been circulated with the agenda was NOTED . i) Handyman Works and other works The works carried out by Dave Miles were NOTED . The historical bridge at the Triangle has been repaired by Dave Miles on behalf of the PC. Cllr Payne reported that there has been some misinformation given to the residents by Cllr Stephen Shing in his Feedback newsletter about the historical bridge at the Triangle.	NW

	It was reported that ESCC had carried out the repairs, but this is wrong, and the Parish Council carried out the repairs. Cllr Payne would like to see the authors of Feedback put a correction about the bridge in the next Feedback newsletter. NW reported the PC would be putting in a photo and write up of the bridge in the next PC newsletter. ii) Bus Shelter – Update on Eastbourne Road NW reported the licence has been applied for and ESCC are carrying out the necessary checks with highways and the bus services. iii) Bus Shelter – request from residents for a covered Bus Shelter outside the Seven Sisters Pub. Members AGREED this was a good idea and for the Clerk to apply for the licence from ESCC. iv) Bench – request from a resident for a bench in Meadows Road Members AGREED to the bench request, as the resident is going to pay for the bench. Members AGREED the PC would maintain the bench. v) Bench – In memory of John Martin Members had AGREED at the last Full Council meeting to place a bench in memory. Members AGREED to have the bench inscribed rather than a plaque. NW to contact Janet Martin and family to decide on the inscription. vi) Defibrillator Update NW reported that following Monks tracing the electricity supply to the telephone box to UK Power Network, she had contacted them to advise of the plans to move the defibrillator from the Hall to the telephone box. vii) Eastbourne Road - Subway Willingdon Community School has been contacted regarding painting a mural on the subway at the Triangle. They are very keen, and the Art Department will be in touch to make arrangements. Residents have indicated that they think this would be a lovely idea.	<u>NW</u> <u>NW</u> <u>NW</u> <u>NW</u> <u>NW</u> <u>NW</u>
A23/20	The Library Hub i) Update & Works to be carried out Members NOTED the previously circulated report. Following a recent electrical installation condition report carried out by Monks Electrical Contractors, a few urgent repairs were highlighted to be carried out urgently. Members discussed the matter and asked NW to investigate the electrical report when the library was handed over to the PC from ESCC. Concerns were expressed, that if the PC are spending lots of money on the library, ESCC could still potentially take the library back at the end of the lease. NW to contact the PC solicitor for advice and to check previous electrical reports. This can be referred to the next Full Council meeting. It was noted that there were no fire extinguishers in the Library NW to check with the Library Hub the reason for this and if PAT testing was being carried out. The PC had given a grant to the library to carry out garden works which is taking place soon. ii) Income and Expenditure – All NOTED. NW reported that the library income and expenditure is now under Amenities. The PC continue to support the library with quarterly payments of £789.50. iii) Minutes of the last Hub Trust Meeting The notes of the last Hub Trust meeting were NOTED.	<u>NW</u>

<u>A23/21</u>	<u>Foulride Green</u> The Clerk's report was NOTED . No further updates about the proposed access roads on Foulride Green. A meeting has been requested numerous times with ESCC Highways and the PC but still no meeting. An SLR meeting has been scheduled for August and the proposed works will be on the agenda.	<u>NW</u>
<u>A23/22</u>	<u>Budgetary Controls</u> i) Income and expenditure to date – The Clerk's report was NOTED .	
<u>A23/23</u>	<u>Risk Management</u> – to consider the effects (if any) arising from items on the agenda. None.	
<u>A23/24</u>	<u>Urgent Matters</u> – for noting or referral to the next agenda for Full Council or appropriate committee/sub-committee. None.	
<u>A23/25</u>	Date of next meeting - Monday 25 th September 2023	<u>NW</u>

Meeting closed at 8.21 pm.

Signed Committee Chair.....

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