



AMENITIES COMMITTEE
Minutes of meeting on 4 May 2017
at The Academy Suite, Holmes Chapel Community Centre, CW4 8AA



Part I – Public and Press present

1. Attendance	Cllr J Clowes Cllr B Bath Cllr P Cotton Cllr M Blomeley Cllr K O'Regan Cllr M Street	Mrs N Clarke – Clerk to the Council		
2. Apologies	RESOLVED (a16/17/50) to accept apologies from Cllr D Savage and Cllr A Armitt (family matter)			
3. Declarations of Interest	None			
4. Public Speaking	None			
5. Minutes	RESOLVED (a16/17/51) to approve the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 9 March 2017.			
6. Matters Arising	<p>River Croco Path – this has been completed and the final handover has taken place on 28 April 2017.</p> <p>Cycling Map – an updated map has been produced and copies available in the library and parish council office</p> <p>Walking Map – this should be ready during May 2017 and will be made readily available.</p>			
7. Planning Applications	<p>The Committee considered the applications listed below and RESOLVED (a16/17/52) to comment as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="467 1261 1513 1395"> <tr> <td data-bbox="467 1261 770 1395"> 17/2190C 23 Danefield Road CW4 7NT </td> <td data-bbox="770 1261 1513 1395"> Single storey rear extension. NO OBJECTION </td> </tr> </table>		17/2190C 23 Danefield Road CW4 7NT	Single storey rear extension. NO OBJECTION
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8. Dane Meadow	<p>The Committee noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The drainage problem near the disabled parking area has not been fixed. • The pond has been cleared by the Scouts and a new fruit tree planted by the Brownies in conjunction with Home Grown in Holmes Chapel. • Work has taken place by the Friends of the Group. <p>RESOLVED (a16/17/53)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. To receive the report. II. That the Clerk contact ANSA to clarify the mowing schedule III. To monitor the viewing platform and ask ANSA to add to their risk assessment schedule. 			
9. Defibrillator	<p>The Committee heard that the grant application to the Big Lottery is pending with a decision due shortly.</p> <p>Holmes Chapel Partnership has made available £442 from the (disbanded) Holmes Chapel Action Group as a contribution to a defibrillator.</p>			
10. Green Spaces Review	<p>The list of green spaces was reviewed, and the Committee debated future areas to prioritise.</p> <p>RESOLVED (a16/17/54) to recommend the outcomes of the future project list as</p>			

	detailed in Appendix 1.
11. Benches	The Committee noted the location map for benches, which also allocates positions for future memorial benches, subject to residents approval. RESOLVED (a16/17/55) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. To approve a recommendation to install two memorial benches at locations 7 and 8 on the bench location map. II. To update the map with revisions and distribute to the Council for further input.
12. Youth Facilities Working Group	Further to the completion of the Skatepark project, the Committee heard the final report and of the requirements to complete the surfacing on the bunds abutting the Skatepark. The official opening is on the 6 th May 2017, at 12 noon. RESOLVED (a16/17/56) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. To accept the report. II. To close the working group, due to completion of the project. The final report will be circulated. III. To note the intention of ES&R to look at setting up a “users” group comprising young users and ES&R staff. Cllr O’Regan has volunteered to assist with set-up. IV. To obtain quotations for grass matting on the Skatepark bunds.
13. External Bodies Report	The Committee heard the following reports from the representatives of : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandbach Almshouses: Cllr Cotton reported that the annual Tea Party is on 24 May 2017 with the next Committee meeting in July 2017. • Public Transport: Cllr Street is setting up a meeting with the new Community Liaison Officer for Northern. He expressed concern about potential bus service closures. • Holmes Chapel Partnership: Cllr Blomeley reported that the Partnership was disappointed with the attendance at the recent Health and Wellbeing Fair. A meeting has been requested with the Parish Council to determine whether there is merit in funding a new project manager. The “Celebration of Holmes Chapel” day is due to be held on 17 September at the Community Centre. • Police: No further news..
14. A review of the past Civic Year	The Committee heard a review of the past Civic Year. Future Projects will be determined from the Green Spaces paper. The Conservation Area is to be included on a future agenda.
15. Chairman and Clerks reports	None.
16. Public Speaking	None.
The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.	

These minutes will be submitted for approval at the next meeting scheduled for 15 June 2017. Until then they are draft minutes.

Signed as Chairman of the Committee as a true and accurate record:

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Appendix 1

Amenities Committee Future Projects

updated 5th May 2017

Project	Details	Approximate Cost £	Planning Period	Comments
Picton Square	Create a town park with paths, seating and improved planting. Aim is to provide a quiet area rather than play area	20000 – 50000 Revised to £5000 2020/21	2018/19	Concern about excessive enhancement and seating creating problems for local residents. Develop a suitable scheme and gather views on enhancement of the area. Reduce expected spend to £5000 in 2020/21 Put on hold at present for planning in 2018/19.
Brookfield Drive/Chester Road	Current grassed area has little amenity value. Cut back and remove trees and add seating area	3000 -5000 2021/22	2020/21	Potential but put on hold until bus stop seating on Chester Road is in place. Discuss a tidy up of overgrown areas with ANSA . Major spend delay until 2021/2
Strathmore/Gleneagles Grassed Area	This large grassed area should originally have been a play area. Provide some play equipment for part of the area but leave some as grassed open space.	30000 – 50000 Revised to £10000 2019/20	2017/18	Consider enhancements required and survey views from residents. Consider developing a plan in 2017-18 with planned expenditure 2019/20. Reduce initial scope to budget of £10000.
Elm Drive - land adjacent to the Play Area	Provide additional paths and seating along the terrace of the River Dane.	10000 – 20000 Benches 2017/18 Paths 2021/22	2018/19	Agreed benches should be added and can be paid for via memorials. Consider further enhancement to paths and access down to the River Dane. Develop plan in 2018/19
Middlewich Road near Bessancourt	This area could be a pleasant sitting area. Add two benches and some paving	2000 – 3000 Paid for as memorial so no cost expected		Offer already made and accepted in principle paid for through memorial benches.

Northway Grassed Area	This area could be enhanced with a couple of additional benches and a few trees	-Nil		No action
Bus Stops on Chester Road	Provide a seat at either side of the road and some paving on the east side to link with the road for those alighting from the bus.	2000 – 4000 Revised to £1000 2018/19	2017/18	1 seat being installed in 2017-18 on the west side of the road. Review later in the year but remaining bench and paving would be achieved for £1000.
Church Walk Improvements	Repave, improve lighting, replace planters and add street furniture	25000 2019/20	2018/19	Generally favoured but will be a costly project and require major cooperation from various property owners. Review with CEC Conservation Officer 2017/18
Conservation Area	Enhancements with interpretation boards and signage. Possible contribution to shop keepers for more suitable signage.	5000 2018/19	2017/18	Some funds available from Co-op grant. Await final figure and get help with creation of interpretation boards. Funds should be available 2017/18 or 2018/19