

MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE
Thursday 9TH June 2016 at 7.00 p.m.
at 1 Church Walk, Holmes Chapel, CW4 7AZ

Part I – Public and Press present

1. Attendance	Cllr A Armitt Cllr B Bath Cllr P Cotton Cllr J Clowes Cllr M Street	Mrs S McKay - Assistant
2. Election of Chairman	Cllr B Bath proposed Cllr J Clowes, which was seconded by Cllr M Street. The Committee, unanimously in favour, RESOLVED (a16/17/01) to elect Cllr J Clowes as Committee Chairman for the year 2016/17. Cllr Clowes took the Chair.	
3. Apologies	RESOLVED (a16/17/02) to accept apologies from Cllr M Blomeley and Cllr D Savage.	
4. Declarations of Interest	Cllr B Bath declared an interest in Item 10, as a relative of one of the suppliers.	
5. Public Forum	None.	
6. Minutes	RESOLVED (a16/17/03) to approve the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 28 April 2016.	
7. Matters Arising	The Commemorative Tree and plaque are installed, ready for the ceremony on the 10 th June 2016.	
8. Planning Applications	None	
9. Dane Meadow	<p>The Committee heard a report on the status of the Dane Meadow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repairs have been completed on the viewing platform sign, after minor vandalism. • The Facebook page is now closed and the website control handed to the Partnership. • Maintenance by ANSA – The work is scheduled to take place, although ANSA are behind with the maintenance. Additional strimming and weedkilling is required on/by the paths. • The bird hide has been vandalised, and also the picnic tables damaged by graffiti. The Police have been involved, and are dealing with the incident. The Clerk due to meet Garth Walker on 10th June to organise repair as soon as possible. • United Utilities have attended the Meadow to repair a drain which floods after heavy rain. • Community Payback are due to attend to cut back the Himalayan Balsam. <p>RESOLVED (a16/17/16/17/04) to receive the report.</p>	
10. Goal Posts	The Committee reviewed the quotes for the goal posts, and agreed to investigate the quotes further.	
11. Sign by Archimedes Screw	The Committee reviewed the material and information available for the content of the sign, noting the updated quotes for manufacture and design. The Hydro Plant installer has agreed to contribute £250 towards the cost. The Committee RESOLVED (a16/17/05) to proceed with the updated quotation and the	

	proposed layout, which will be approved by the plant owner before completion by the designers at Williams Design & Print.
12. Pathway Along Croco Brook	The Committee heard that there has been no further progress with quotations from ANSA to improve sections of the path. The path is being improved at present with the application of bark chippings.
13. Skate Park Working Group	<p>The Committee received an update on the following progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The grant for VEOLIA has been verbally approved. This will allow the project to be realised. • The Committee noted the proposal as to the change of location, and that the Working Group will appoint a member to produce detailed plans and submit a planning application on our behalf. • Quotes for the work are being sought, and the Working Group will provide a full written report to Full Council on 30th June 2016, which will then be taken to the JMLC on 6th July 2016 • ES&R have been informed as to insurance liability & maintenance. <p>The Committee RESOLVED (a16/17/06) to receive the report.</p>
14. Police	<p>The Committee received a verbal report from Cllr M Street, subsequent to the recent CHalc meeting, which was attended by the local sergeant Christian Watkins. It was confirmed that the PCSO will now cover the Dane Valley Ward, not just Holmes Chapel. There has been no further news re. contribution for costs.</p> <p>The Committee appointed Cllr Armitt as the Parish Council representative for Police Matters.</p> <p>RESOLVED (a16/17/07) to accept the appointment and receive the report.</p>
15. FIT Centenary Fields	The Committee reviewed the Centenary Fields Programme, to determine if there is any green space in Holmes Chapel to recommend for protection, and decided not to proceed at present.
16. External Bodies Report	<p>The Committee confirmed appointments and heard the following reports :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandbach Almshouses: Representative – Cllr P Cotton. Cllr Cotton reported that the Almshouses were now full, and that a recent afternoon tea event was very well attended, increasing awareness of the Almshouses. • Public Transport: Representative – Cllr M Street. Cllr Street informed the council of the newly issued bus timetables. A representative (Julie Corke) from Arriva Northern has requested to attend a Council Meeting, to inform the Council about refurbishment taking place at the Holmes Chapel Station during Summer 2016. The train service will continue throughout the work, although the car park will be closed. • Health Centre: Representative – Cllr P Cotton. The ECCCCG have announced (letter circulated) that savings of £9.7Million have to be made across Eastern Cheshire in 2016. • Leisure Centre: Representative – Cllr D Savage, Deputy Cllr B Bath. The next meeting of the JMC is on the 16th June 2016 at 2pm. • Holmes Chapel Partnership: Representative– tbc, Deputy Cllr A Armitt. The next meeting of the Partnership is on the 29th June 2016 at 7pm <p>The Committee RESOLVED (a16/17/08) to accept the appointments and receive the reports.</p>
17. Chairman and Clerks reports	The Chairman commented on the many proposals emerging from the Neighbourhood Plan for open spaces, which will be included in future agendas. Cranage Playing Fields may also be included on future agendas, to assist in

	<p>protection and adequate management of this valuable asset, which is used by Holmes Chapel residents.</p> <p>Information was given:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a meeting with Carillion Kier, at 10am on 10th June 2016, to give an update on impending night-time closures on the M6, during the upgrade to Smart Motorway. • the first Defibrillator training session is booked for Thursday 16th July at 12:30pm. There are a few spaces available.
<p>The meeting closed at 8.29 p.m.</p>	

These minutes will be submitted for approval at the next meeting scheduled for 21st July 2016. Until then they are draft minutes.

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

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