



AMENITIES COMMITTEE
Minutes of meeting on 9 March 2017
at The Academy Suite, Holmes Chapel Community Centre, CW4 8AA



Part I – Public and Press present

1. Attendance	Cllr J Clowes Cllr A Armitt Cllr B Bath Cllr M Blomeley Cllr K O'Regan Cllr M Street	Mrs N Clarke – Clerk to the Council Mrs Hazel Sutcliffe				
2. Apologies	RESOLVED (a16/17/43) to accept apologies from Cllr Cotton (unwell)					
3. Declarations of Interest	None					
4. Public Speaking	None					
5. Minutes	RESOLVED (a16/17/44) to approve the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 26 January 2017.					
6. Matters Arising	The fingerpost sign on the A50, directing walkers to the Dane Meadow, has been installed.					
7. Planning Applications	The Committee considered the applications listed below and RESOLVED (a16/17/45) to comment as follows: <table border="1" data-bbox="467 1126 1513 1668" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td data-bbox="467 1126 772 1294"> 17/0968C Victoria Sports and Social Club CW4 7BE </td> <td data-bbox="772 1126 1513 1294"> Install six lighting columns and eight luminaires to illuminate two tennis courts. NO OBJECTION </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="467 1294 772 1668"> 17/1038C Crossmere Farm, Davenport Lane, Brereton Heath CW12 4SU </td> <td data-bbox="772 1294 1513 1668"> Demolition of existing livery buildings and construction of new detached dwellings OBJECTION: 1. The houses will use Holmes Chapel facilities. 2. Consider it is not sustainable 3. Removing potential employment 4. Will impact on Jodrell Bank 5. Not compliant with Brereton Neighbourhood Plan </td> </tr> </table>		17/0968C Victoria Sports and Social Club CW4 7BE	Install six lighting columns and eight luminaires to illuminate two tennis courts. NO OBJECTION	17/1038C Crossmere Farm, Davenport Lane, Brereton Heath CW12 4SU	Demolition of existing livery buildings and construction of new detached dwellings OBJECTION: 1. The houses will use Holmes Chapel facilities. 2. Consider it is not sustainable 3. Removing potential employment 4. Will impact on Jodrell Bank 5. Not compliant with Brereton Neighbourhood Plan
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8. Dane Meadow	The Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted the completion of the retention work at the Meadow, although the total of the invoices are over budget. • Heard a report on maintenance at the Meadow and of a meeting with Anthony Murray from Ansa. • Heard a report on a meeting with the CEC Ranger, who may provide opportunities for additional support; • Were informed on the status of surface water drainage issues and correspondence with United Utilities. Water is still percolating from the manhole drain but United Utilities have inspected the area and confirm the drains are clear. 					

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debated the long term integrity of the viewing platform, and risk assessment of assets in the Dane Meadow. • Heard a report from Ms Hazel Sutcliffe on behalf of the “Friends of the Dane Meadow”; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Working Parties are recommencing in the Meadow, with the first on Tuesday 14th March. ▪ Contact has been made with Will Burnham (Scout Leader) to initiate work on the pond. ▪ A grant has been received to produce a walking map for Holmes Chapel. PROW have been informed on the lack of signage on the area to the North of the Viaduct. <p>RESOLVED (a16/17/46)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. To confirm the completion of the retention work at the Meadow and that all invoices have been paid. II. To receive the Report on maintenance from ANSA, and the Clerk to contact ANSA to receive information on when work will start. III. To chase ANSA on the water leaking from the manhole area. IV. To ask ANSA who should be inspecting assets in the Dane Meadow eg Viewing Platform. V. To receive the report from F.O.D.M. and the actions required.
<p>9. Phone Box Westway / Chester Road</p>	<p>The Committee discussed how to best use the redundant BT phone box. A request has been made to house a book library or a defibrillator. Concerns were raised on the effectiveness of the book library, and duplication of library services already provided in the village.</p> <p>RESOLVED (a16/17/47)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. to approve the use of the box to hold a defibrillator. II. For the Clerk to apply for a grant to purchase a defibrillator III. To ask the Holmes Chapel Partnership for assistance with funding the defibrillator.
<p>10. Pathway Along Croco Brook</p>	<p>Cllr Clowes and Blomeley updated the Committee; an information letter has been delivered to all residents in the vicinity of the path, with work scheduled to start week commencing 13th March 2017.</p> <p>RESOLVED (a16/17/48) to accept the report</p>
<p>11. Skate Park Project</p>	<p>The Clerk gave an update on the construction works. Issues include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional stone has been required due to drainage issues. • It will be necessary to reinstate the grassed area once the trackway has been removed. • The pathway linking the site to the existing pathway will be necessary. Quotations will be sought. <p>RESOLVED (a16/17/49)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. To receive the report. II. To provide a finance report on the project which will be brought back to the next meeting of the Amenities Committee.
<p>12. Projects</p>	<p>The Committee had a brief discussion on the suitability of various projects, and agreed to continue the discussion and defer any formal decision to the next meeting of the Amenities Committee.</p>

13. External Bodies Report	The Committee heard the following reports from the representatives of : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Transport: Cllr Street reported on the upcoming work at the Railway Station. • Holmes Chapel Partnership: Cllr Blomeley reported on the Health & Wellbeing Fair on the 1st April 2017, the Volunteering Day on the first weekend in June and participation in the Vic Club Fair. • Police: Cllr O'Regan reported attendance at a Police meeting with Peter Cockcroft on PCSOs.
14. Cllr K O'Regan	Cllr K O'Regan left the meeting at 8.50pm.
15. Future Agenda Items	1. Future projects
16. Chairman and Clerks reports	The Clerk reminded members of the Neighbourhood Plan count later that day.
17. Public Speaking	None.
The meeting closed at 9.18p.m.	

These minutes will be submitted for approval at the next meeting scheduled for 4 May 2017. Until then they are draft minutes.

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

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