

**MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.00 p.m.**  
**at 1 Church Walk, Holmes Chapel, CW4 7AZ**

**Part I – Public and Press present**

<b>1. Attendance</b>	Cllr J Clowes Cllr A Armitt Cllr B Bath Cllr M Blomeley Cllr P Cotton Cllr D Savage Cllr M Street	Mrs N Clarke – Clerk to the Council  Mr S Gammon – HC Partnership
<b>2. Apologies</b>	None	
<b>3. Declarations of Interest</b>	None	
<b>4. Public Forum</b>	S Gammon spoke about the result of the tender process on the Skatepark tender and the next steps of the project.	
<b>5. Minutes</b>	<b>RESOLVED (a16/17/15)</b> to approve the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 21 July 2016.	
<b>6. Matters Arising</b>	Noted that the order for the Elm Drive goal posts has been placed.	
<b>7. Skate Park Project</b>	The Committee received a report from the working group on the proposed winning tender.  The Committee <b>RESOLVED (a16/17/16)</b> to accept the recommended tender from Canvas	
<b>8. Sign by Archimedes Screw</b>	The Committee noted the change of design to the sign and <b>RESOLVED (a16/17/17)</b> to instruct the Clerk to order the sign and installation.	
<b>9. Dane Meadow</b>	Cllr Clowes reported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retention – no further work towards completion of the project has taken place.</li> <li>• Vandalism – the sign on the viewing platform has been defaced, as well as more graffiti on the picnic benches.</li> <li>• Trees – There are 3 fallen trees in the meadow; Ansa are aware of this.</li> <li>• There is some erosion following the heavy rain. Cllr Clowes has contacted United Utilities.</li> <li>• Cllr Savage will ask Hazel Sutcliffe to arrange a meeting of the “Friends of the Dane Meadow”, as this has lapsed.</li> </ul> <p>The Committee <b>RESOLVED (a16/17/18)</b> to receive the report.</p>	
<b>10. Pathway Along Croco Brook</b>	The Committee discussed the revised quote received from ANSA and <b>RESOLVED (a16/17/19)</b> to postpone the decision until the next meeting, further to approval being granted by Cheshire East Council for the scheme. Subject to the decision made; the residents in the area will be informed via a mailed flyer if the upgrade is to go ahead.	

<b>11. Police</b>	The Committee received a verbal report on attempts to finalise the PCSO contract. It was noted that the Police and Crime Commissioner will make a decision in October 2016.
<b>12. Garden of Remembrance</b>	Cllr Clowes gave a verbal report on the creation of a small remembrance area for the Royal British Legion. Three areas have been identified and Mr. M Coates is waiting for permission from the Health Centre to site it on the grass bank in front of the Health Centre
<b>13. Neighbourhood Plan Projects</b>	Further to the development of the Neighbourhood Plan, Cllr Bath reported that the NP Steering Group is producing a draft project list, which will be discussed in due course.
<b>14. External Bodies Report</b>	The Committee heard the following reports from the representatives of : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sandbach Almshouses: Cllr Cotton reported on a meeting of the Committee and the staff changes which have taken place.</li> <li>• Public Transport: No further news</li> <li>• Health Centre: Cllr Cotton attended a meeting with the new Practice Manager on 23 August 2016.</li> <li>• Leisure Centre: The next JMLC meeting is on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016.</li> <li>• Holmes Chapel Partnership: Cllr Blomeley attended the meeting of the Partnership on the 24<sup>th</sup> August 2016</li> <li>• ChALC – Cllr Cotton and Street reported on recent meetings and the forthcoming AGM.</li> </ul>
<b>15. Chairman and Clerks reports</b>	Cllr Cotton expressed concern about heavy traffic on Middlewich Road.
<b>The meeting closed at 8.45p.m.</b>	

These minutes will be submitted for approval at the next meeting scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Until then they are draft minutes.

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

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