

MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE
Thursday 28th January 2016 at 7.30 p.m.
Brooklands, Holmes Chapel Community Centre, CW4 8AA

1. Attendance	Cllr DE Savage Cllr B Bath Cllr P Cotton Cllr J Clowes Cllr MJ Street Mrs Sue McKay – Assistant Clerk
2. Apologies	RESOLVED (a15/16/44) to accept apologies from Cllr M Blomeley
3. Public Forum	None
4. Declarations of Interest	None
5. Minutes	RESOLVED (a15/16/45) To approve the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 26 November 2015
6. Matters arising	Defibrillators: The clerk reported that we did not secure the grant. The scheme was overwhelmed with applications. We can apply for part-funding in April. Details to follow. PCSO Contract: The committee noted that we are still waiting for the contract to be sent. Clerk to progress this, and to enquire as to local discrepancies in funding for PCSO's. Dane Meadow: Notices have been put up at the decking in the Dane Meadow to warn of slippery surfaces. Non-slip paint will be used when the weather warms up.
7. Planning Applications	The committee discussed the forthcoming Southern Planning Committee meeting on 3 rd February 2016, regarding the housing by the proposed Manor Lane site, noting that the application is recommended for approval. Cllr Bath is to attend on behalf of the council to oppose the proposal, and requested any further information which would support this.
8. Dane Meadow	The committee heard a report from Cllr Clowes stating that some “snagging” work is still outstanding, resulting in the prevention of the final sign off by portfolio holder Tim Allen. The 5% retention is, as a result, unpaid. The “Friends of the Dane Meadow” group is meeting regularly and have some concerns over general maintenance. The committee RESOLVED (a15/16/46) to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize a meeting to discuss on-going maintenance at the meadow with ANSA; • Arrange for the community payback organisation to be contracted to clear the river banks during the Spring 2016; • Contact Jenny Butler (Public ROW officer) to inspect the footpath linking the A50 with the Dane meadow, as it is very overgrown. <p>The committee also noted that there is gradual erosion of the earth path through Cotton Wood.</p>

<p>9. Sign by Archimedes Screw</p>	<p>The committee RESOLVED (a15/16/47) to arrange for a quotation to be provided for two types of sign (information only or live generation information).</p>
<p>10. Pathway along Croco Brook</p>	<p>Cllr Clowes informed the committee of the quotation received to upgrade the path, which had no breakdown of the work involved. The committee RESOLVED (a15/16/48) to set up a meeting with ANSA to discuss the quote in more detail, which will be followed by tendering of the work, subject to funding.</p>
<p>11. Skate park working group</p>	<p>The Committee received a written report on activities by the working group and commented that the grants hoped for are in very early stages, and need to be progressed with offers in writing. The committee RESOLVED (a15/16/49) to review further information on Skate Park components at the next Amenities meeting on 3rd March 2016 to enable decisions on funding the skate park to be progressed.</p>
<p>12. Holmes Chapel Community Centre</p>	<p>The Committee RESOLVED (a15/16/50) to suggest the following list of requirements to be suggested at the JMC meeting on 17th March:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor netball/basketball court • Skate Park • Children’s play area with seating • Picnic facilities • Outdoor Fitness trail • Mini football/kick-a-bout area • Training track around site perimeter. • Baseball facility • Adequate car parking, including provision of over-flow parking for events • 3G/4G pitch • Possible expansion of existing building. • Include results of questionnaire from Neighbourhood Plan
<p>13. CCTV</p>	<p>The committee reviewed the report from Jan Davies and RESOLVED (a15/16/51)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to receive the CCTV report • to request that it be made public on our website to raise public awareness. <p>The committee also reviewed the CCTV contract letter from CEC and RESOLVED (a15/16/52) to request further information on the proposal of a three year arrangement from Cheshire East, which will be brought to Council.</p>
<p>14. Open Space Project</p>	<p>The committee received a verbal report from Cllr Clowes, which stated that while Holmes Chapel is short of Open Space, there may be ways to maximise potential of the space that is available to us. The committee RESOLVED (a15/16/53) to add the suggestions in the report to the Wish List for 2017/18, with the hope that some of the smaller projects may be accommodated sooner if funding from other projects is freed.</p> <p>The committee also recommended improving historic signage in the conservation area in the village centre.</p>

15. Outside Bodies	<p>The committee received the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandbach Almshouses: Cllr Cotton gave a verbal update on maintenance on-going at the site and commented that they were recruiting for a new manager. • JLMC. The committee reviewed the notes from the meeting on the 14th January 2016. • Chalc. The next meeting is scheduled for the 1st March 2016 • The Patient Panel at the Health centre is expanding and recruiting younger members.
16. Chairman's and Clerk's reports	<p>The Chairman reported that at the recent meeting of the HC Partnership, there is no longer an interest in renaming the Community Centre.</p> <p>The Chairman commented that the Queen is celebrating her 90th birthday in 2016, and it was suggested that a tree planting would be a notable commemoration, whilst in line with other work the committee is progressing. This will be suggested at Full Council.</p> <p>The Chairman commented that blood donor sessions may soon be available at the HCCC.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Hermitage Bridge work has been signed off, and are now awaiting work to start. Clerk to progress this.</p>
<p>The meeting closed at 8.45pm.</p> <p>These minutes will be submitted for approval at the next meeting scheduled for 3 March 2016. Until approved they are draft minutes.</p>	

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

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