

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF
BROCKENHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2016 AT BROCKENHURST VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Harry Oram Chairman
Michael Croker John Korbey
Henry Mellor

Mary Pattison Parish Clerk

16/01 Apologies Kevin Whittle

16/02 Declarations of Interest None.

16/03 Minutes of the Meeting held 23rd September 2015

These were proposed, seconded and signed as correct.

16/04 Matters Arising (not on the agenda)

None.

16/05 Allotments

There are two people on the waiting list at present with one plot about to be let.

A skip was requested again this year and this was agreed.

The turning space work is booked with Farwells but no date is yet confirmed. It will have to wait now for better weather in spring. **Action: Clerk.**

The noticeboard has been installed as has the long section of fence. The Allotment Association asked for their thanks to be passed on to the Committee for these recent works.

16/06 Churchyard

We have had a request for a memorial seat and it was agreed that unless there are unusual circumstances, these requests will in future be dealt with by the Groundsman in conjunction with the Clerk.

16/07 War Memorial

The back fence and front gates are shortly to be replaced. It was suggested that a large Ash tree should be felled as it will in time become a nuisance, along with a cherry tree which is close to the end of its life. We will check whether there is a TPO covering them. **Action: Clerk.** They will be replanted with Sorbus or Whitebeam.

Michael Croker has drawn up a planting plan to renovate the borders and lawn, and it was approved with gratitude. S106 funding may well be available to pay for the plants. The work previously approved to the War Memorial could be amended to include regimental badges carved into Portland stone. Research will be carried out as there could be too many regiments involved for it to be practical. A memorial to women soldiers and all those who have lost their lives in conflict was suggested, potentially on the fourth side of the memorial. Changing the location of the flagpole was suggested and this will be discussed with the RBL.

The memorial plaque given to us by Pont St. Martin needs to have a lectern and some designs with quotes have been submitted. It was also suggested that we should try to find a log or tree trunk that has the right angle of bend in it which could be used to countersink the plaque. **Action: K. Whittle.**

16/08 Playground

The new fence has been done but the French drain has not yet been installed.

A shackle is needed for the basket swing, and secondary safety devices for the double swings. Kevin Whittle will contact suppliers to obtain these. **Action: K. Whittle.**

16/09 Seats, signs and bus shelters

A price will be obtained from Farwells for a bus shelter of similar design to the Waters Green one. The College have offered to look at that one to see whether they can help to repair it.

16/10 Disabled access on footpaths

It was noted that the trombone latch has been fitted at Waters Green.

Henry has produced a draft report on what improvements need to be made to the footpaths. HCC have asked for a list of items such as dropped kerbs, school safety zone markings etc. that would improve safety and accessibility for all. Councillors will be asked to contribute to the list. Gary North of the FC has indicated that it should be possible to provide a footpath parallel to Grigg Lane.

16/11 Any Other Business

None.

16/12 Date of next meeting. Tuesday, 7th June 2016 7.00 pm in the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.