

MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES GROUP MEETING : WEDNESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY 2017

PRESENT:

Committee: Tony Downes, Ann Clark, Carol Cordwell, Dawn Newton, Anita Spall

AG Members: Ken Hatch, Peter and Anne Longhorn, Christine Barrett, Iain Smith, Louise Joplin
Richard and Dorothy Lord

Apologies for absence were received from Steve Clark.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 January 2017 were approved and signed by Tony Downes.

Committee Matters

Jade Anderson had tendered her resignation and it was proposed by Tony Downes that Ken Hatch re-join the Committee. This was agreed by those present.

Projects on which the Amenities Money could be spent

Tony Downes has had a meeting with the new tenants of the Haywain who have confirmed that they are happy to support the Amenities Group and want to be part of the community. They have advised that food cannot be brought onto the premises because of food hygiene regulations, but are willing to supply food for our functions, the costings of which will be advised as soon as possible.

Anita Spall proposed that two benches be provided in the Churchyard at a cost of £300 per bench. £50 for an engraving on each bench.

Anne Longhorn proposed that a defibrillator be purchased for the village of Little Bromley. This item can be purchased at a cost of anything from £500 to £1000.

Amendment to the Constitution

The proposed changes to the Constitution were agreed. The changes were proposed by Steve Clark and Peter Longhorne. Steve Clark proposed that a change be made to item 3.1 and Peter Longhorne proposed a change to be made to item 6.5. Details of these changes can be found on the Little Bromley Parish Council website under Amenities Group.

Discussion re Charities that have been suggested by members of the Amenities Group

There were a number of charities suggested by members of the Amenities Group and after some discussion, it was decided that the charity to be supported during 2017, would be the Anglian Air Ambulance. Money will be raised throughout the year at our chosen events specifically for this Charity and also for the Amenities Group

Possible Events for 2017

There were a number of suggestions put forward by members of the Amenities Group and, after discussion, a list was compiled of the most popular events to be held. The Chairman was keen to promote coffee mornings amongst the members and the date for the first coffee morning to be held at the Haywain was agreed for Wednesday, 19 April 2017.

Any Other Business

The question of the Amenities Gazebos was raised. At present these are stored in Ann and Steve Clark's garage but one of them is quite badly damaged so we will need to invest in a new one. We were asked to keep an eye out in Garden Centres, in case they were on offer anywhere.

Christine Barrett has kindly offered to continue to update the website and Ann Clark agreed to let her have information regarding the new Committee members. She also requested that the minutes and agendas for future meetings be sent to her.

Carol Cordwell thanked the Amenities Group who has agreed to supply a flower arrangement for the Flower Festival and also thanked us for donations for the raffle and tombola.

Anita Spall advised that the S106 money in the amount of £3,018 has been received and is currently in the Parish Council bank account. This money is allocated for the fence painting at Little Bromley Church. Gregory Frostick has to raise an invoice to cover the cost of painting and, when this is available, payment will be made.

Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that this would be a Committee meeting to be held at the Haywain on Wednesday, 05 April at 7.30pm.