

PEACEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE held in the ANZAC ROOM,
Community House, Meridian Centre, Peacehaven on Tuesday 12th April 2016 at 7:30pm.

Committee Members Councillors: Wayne Botting Lynda Hallett (Vice Chair)
Rachael Coles Jackie Harrison-Hicks
Reg Farmiloe Andy Loraine (Chair)
Jean Farmiloe Amber Robertson
Brian Gosling

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Reg Farmiloe Andy Loraine (Chair)
Jean Farmiloe Robbie Robertson (sub)
Brian Gosling

In Attendance: Claire Lacey – Town Manager
Sally Landers - Administration Officer

GENERAL BUSINESS

LA064 CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Dell Zip Wire

At the previous Leisure & Amenities meeting, an action was raised during 'Public Questions' by Mr A Sargent with regards to safety concerns in respect of the zip wire at The Dell and as a result a fence has been installed. Mr A Sargent has been informed in writing of the action taken.


Cllr. R Coles stated that she was pleased the fence had been installed and noted that all play areas were dangerous to a degree however there had been no recorded accidents with regards to The Dell zip wire

Fix My Street Update

During March, 32 issues on highways, road signs, kerb stones and hedgerows have been raised with Peacehaven Town Council and subsequently reported via the Town Manager to the ESCC Highways team. Since December, over 200 issues have been reported. The Online website can be accessed by any member of the public on www.fixmystreet.com and an update should show as either red, amber or green, depending on their progress. An email response is sent to the Town Manager, Claire Lacey, which once received, is happy to share - reporting via Leisure & Amenities Committee Chair updates. Peacehaven Town Council would like to extend their thanks to all residents who come in and report these issues and in particular to Mrs Joan Goldrich, for her ongoing and continued support.

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Town Pillar Update

The two pillars on the east side of Peacehaven on the South Coast Road, have been restored and the scaffolding is about to come down, two flower boxes have also been installed. The work on the pillar on the Telscombe Cliffs border and the Obelisk is due to commence next week.

Cllr. R Robertson commented that the pillars were much improved and queried if the finial could be painted gold to celebrate the centenary year

C Lacey enquired if P Seed (in the audience) would be able to investigate the history of the pillars

Cllr. R Coles noted that the pillars have improved the entrance to the town

Cllr. R Robertson noted that during renovations a metal rod was found to be embedded in the centre of the pillars and queried if a lamp had been attached to the finial previously

Cllr. A Loraine stated that further investigation into the history of the pillars was required

Action: Investigate history of town pillars

Notice Board Update

A notice board has been moved from the Annexe Store to the bus shelter opposite on Roderick Avenue. Another notice board from Community House has been recycled and installed on the Roderick Avenue North bus shelter. Any community group wishing to advertise in the notice boards, please contact Karen Date in the information office.

Peacehaven Task Force

We have issued a request for volunteers to support new projects around the town, for further information please apply via Facebook page 'Peacehaven Task Force' or call in to see Tom Jeal in the Council offices.

Grounds Team Premises – *Chris Bibb is on leave therefore no update available*

Events

- There is bingo, this Friday 15th April
- The first car boot of 2016 will take place this Sunday 17th April at The Dell, weather permitting
- The film Bridge of Spies will be showing next week on Wednesday 20th April in Community House

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Thanks

Peacehaven Town Council would like to thank:-

- Joan Goldrich for her donation
- Joan Goldrich and Cllr. Phil Howson for their support clearing up Howards Peace Park.
- Cllr. Rachael Coles for organising the working group which brought the first ever Easter Parade to Peacehaven. This was a huge success and we hope Cllr. Coles can be persuaded to bring her experience in organising such a successful parade to any future events

Cllr. R Coles stated thanks should be extended to the Easter Parade working party which consisted of Councillors and residents who did an amazing job

LA065 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

John Carden – East Ward

The resident stated, that as former Chair of Peacehaven Horticultural Society, he was dismayed that their hut had been demolished during the construction of the Big Park and no compensation had been forthcoming. The resident stated that Peacehaven Horticultural Society owned their premises and paid rent to Peacehaven Town Council who owned the land

Cllr. R Coles noted that this came under the remit of the Big Park Project Board at Lewes District Council

The resident stated that they have been informed by Lewes District Council that Peacehaven Town Council is responsible for the park

Cllr. R Robertson noted that Councillors are working with Peacehaven Horticultural Society however the Project Board for the park is still in operation

The resident noted that premises for the ground staff of Peacehaven Town Council was also required

Cllr. J Harrison-Hicks stated that the project manager, C Bibb, was on leave and that she would contact the Chief Executive of Lewes District Council if this matter was not dealt with

Alison Standing – Peacehaven Horticultural Society

The representative of Peacehaven Horticultural Society queried the action Peacehaven Town Council had taken to resolve the issue of their premises

Cllr. R Robertson confirmed that meetings with Peacehaven Horticultural Society had taken place and re-iterated that the Big Park Project Board was still in operation

Joan Goldrich – North Ward

The resident noted that Peacehaven Horticultural Society do a lot for the town

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Alan Sargent – West Ward

The resident referred to page 8/18 of the agenda with regards to the fence that had been installed at The Dell and noted that it should have been located on the other side of the zip wire

Cllr. R Coles stated the fence had been installed in the correct position as there is a chain link fence already located on the opposite side of the zip wire

The resident stated the Council had previously received two complaints with regards to the zip wire

Cllr. R Coles stated that parents have to take responsibility for their children in play parks and noted the equipment at The Dell had been installed during the previous administration

The resident noted that Lewes District Council had installed the equipment and that the previous administration had objected

Cllr. J Harrison-Hicks advised that she was not aware of any complaints and that Councillors had not been informed of this

Cllr. R Coles queried if there were any current complaints

C Lacey confirmed receipt of two letters from A Sargent hence the installation of the fence however there were no other complaints on record

The resident noted that the fence on the west side perimeter of The Dell was damaged

C Lacey noted this work was already on the grounds' team schedule and would be repaired within two weeks, weather permitting

The resident stated high-vis tape is required pending repair

Action: High-vis tape required to identify damaged fence at The Dell (west side perimeter)

Carol Campbell

The member of the audience spoke in favour of agenda item 7, the Disability Swing, noting that Peacehaven was leading the way with regards to this and that Peacehaven Town Council would inspire neighbouring towns

Ann Bickmore – ABC Fund

The representative of the ABC Fund spoke in favour of agenda item 7, the Disability Swing, noting that the 'We Play Too Group', which had been set up in Worthing, had installed a disability play area having received a grant and this was proving very successful. The representative of the ABC Fund offered support in fund raising for the disability swing in Peacehaven

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LA066 TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. A Robertson – not known (Cllr. R Robertson substituted)

LA067 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None

LA068 TO APPROVE & SIGN THE NON CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 8th March 2016

Cllr. L Hallett proposed
Cllr. J Harrison-Hicks seconded

Approved

Debate:

Cllr. R Robertson queried page 4/18 with reference to Cllr. D Neave and if his attendance not being recorded at the meeting

S Landers confirmed Cllr. D Neave was not present at the meeting however his comments were queried with regards to a previous meeting he attended

Cllr. L Hallett agreed with the comments made by Cllr. R Coles that Howard Peace Park would be a suitable site for a car park

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LA069 PROJECT UPDATE

Debate:-

Cllr. J Harrison-Hicks noted that the Big Park Project Board (BPP) was still in operation and no date had been forthcoming with regards to its closure


Cllr. A Loraine noted comment

Cllr. R Coles noted that no updates had been received from C Bibb (BPP) with regards to the provision of premises for the grounds team


Cllr. J Harrison-Hicks noted C Bibb was on annual leave and that she had been in contact previously and this would be discussed on his return

Cllr. R Coles stated she wished to be included at the meeting

Action: Invite Cllr. R Coles to meeting with C Bibb (BPP) on his return from annual leave

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LA070 DISABILITY SWING

Leisure & Amenities **AGREES** to the installation of a wheelchair swing at The Dell (cost iro £3530 plus installation - see financial information for funding)

Cllr. W Botting proposed the following amendment to the above:-

Leisure & Amenities **ACCEPT** the proposal in principal to install a wheelchair swing and **AGREE** to open a 'crowd funding' site and initiate other fund raising opportunities to cover cost and installation

Cllr. J Harrison-Hicks proposed

Cllr. L Hallett seconded

Agreed

Debate:-

Cllr. J Harrison-Hicks requested this item be deferred pending further information and stated Cllr. W Botting would read the following statement

Cllr. W Botting read the following statement:-

'The Disability Discrimination Act came into full force in October 2004. It requires reasonable provision to be made for equal opportunities for disabled people except where it affects the safety of others. The Act also applies to places where children play (play areas, games area etc.). It is illegal to treat disabled persons any less favourably than non-disabled persons.

The key word is 'reasonable'. The Act does not compel you to make all your play areas suitable for disabled children but it is possible to make a play area suitable for all forms of impairment. What you must do is to take all reasonable measures, bearing in mind safety of other users, to make your play area as suitable for disabled children as possible.

Play is an important part of life. It is an act of 'doing'. Children learn from their play and it is essential for their physical and emotional development. This is just as true for disabled children as it is for non-disabled children. They have the same rights to develop as persons as do other children. They have the right to experience the same challenges and to experience the same sensations. Playgrounds should therefore be places where children of different abilities can meet and play together.

All children have the same basic needs and go through the same development stages. All children develop at different rates and for some of them development slows or stops entirely before maturity. This should not however prevent them from accessing playgrounds and to enjoy the experience of play. Play is the medium of bringing children together. Integration and variety is therefore the key. By playing with others, children develop social skills and they learn about behavior, acceptance and friendship.

I feel that we do not cater for the wheelchair user in our parks and especially those who have limited or no use of their limbs, which in my opinion discriminates against them. I am not here to preach the

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discrimination act but to make us all aware and to put forward a simple solution which I feel should be copied throughout the district.

Today I am proposing that we as a Council install a wheelchair swing within our park as there are no current facilities for wheelchair users in the town. Myself and Robbie will front a fundraising campaign and get the community involved so I ask you all for your supporting vote to take Peacehaven forward as a disabled friendly town'

Cllr. R Coles stated on behalf of Councillors agreement in principal however further consultation was required with regards to an appropriate location for the swing

Cllr. A Loraine thanked Cllr. R Robertson and Cllr. W Botting for bringing this to the attention of the Leisure and Amenities Committee

Cllr. R Robertson stated that a working party would be set up as soon as possible, to include residents, plus a fund raising committee

Cllr. B Gosling queried if the swing required supervision

Cllr. W Botting confirmed this would be a purpose built swing for the disabled

Cllr. A Loraine agreed members of the audience could participate in the debate:-

Reece Lambeth noted that a carer would always be in attendance

A member of the audience on behalf of Alicia stated that disabled children wanted to participate in play areas along with their brothers and sisters


Action: Obtain names for working party and fund raising group for disability swing

NEXT MEETING

LA071 TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 21st June 2016 at 7:30pm

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