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**DRAFT AMENITIES & SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 at Shoreham Village Hall from 7.30pm

Present: R Blamey (in the Chair)  
Cllr Jeffery, Cllr Histed, Cllr Hubble, co-opted member J Tooley and co-opted member L Spence

Also Present: 0 Members of the public

Clerk: Sarah Moon

1. There were no apologies for absence.
2. The minutes of the meeting of the Amenities and Services Committee held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 were signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.
3. There were no disclosures of interest in respect of items included on the agenda.
4. **Village Sign Competition**  
  
As the Shoreham Society has already completed its part of the judging and Cllr Powell was not present and the meeting, it was agreed that the other judges would get together privately next week to select the winning entries.
5. **Grounds Maintenance Contract**
  - a) The Committee considered the four quotes, which had been provided in respect of the 2020 grounds maintenance contract. One contractor was chosen unanimously, subject to references.
  - b) It was agreed that this contract could be extended for a further two years, if the 2020 work is undertaken to a good enough standard.
6. **Allotments**
  - a) The Allotments Association asked permission from the Parish Council to set one of the vacant plots on the allotments aside for the planting of more communal fruit trees. It was RESOLVED that it be recommended to full council that permission be granted for this.
  - b) The Clerk reported that there had been problems closing both of the new gates as they had expanded in the wet weather. She confirmed that she had been in contact with the contractor, who is due to come on 28<sup>th</sup> January to rectify the problem.
7. **Toilets**

Following a leak in the public toilet a week or so ago, it was discovered that water had been dripping onto the electric water heater, causing it to erode and break. A plumber has fixed the leak, removed the old heater and obtained a quote of around £300 for a new heater. It was RESOLVED to leave the water as it is for the time being and to revisit installing a new heater if specifically requested by members of the public.

**8. Playground**

The Clerk reported that the area around the new play tractor, which had been laid to turf, has become so muddy that the tractor is not usable at the moment. It is unlikely that the grass will come back, even when the mud dries out. It was therefore RESOLVED that the Clerk obtain a quote for laying a membrane and bark chippings around the area.

**9. Wildflowers**

A request for permission to plant spring and autumn bulbs (crocus and wood anemone) in the shaded areas under the trees outside the village hall was considered and it was RESOLVED that this should be allowed.

**10. Centenary Wood**

Jeremy Tooley reported that he had once again been in contact with the National Trust, who have confirmed that two oak benches are still available for installation in the Centenary Wood. They require payment of £100 but they are not able to deliver them. It was suggested that Will Bax be approached to see if he has a trailer, which could be used to transport the benches from Chartwell to the Shoreham Allotments, where they will be refurbished.

**11. Re-chalking of Cross**

The re-chalking of the Cross to mark the centenary of its creation, was once again considered. It was decided that some chalk be purchased from a company in Herstmonceux and that Jeremy Tooley and Roy Blamey dig a one metre square hole on the surface of the Cross to see how easy it is to pack the chalk in to it. How the rest of the Cross is dealt with, will depend on the result of this experiment.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Sarah Moon, Parish Clerk