



Aintree Village Parish Council
Minutes of Park and Amenities Committee
meeting held on Monday 3rd June 2019 at
7.00pm

	Present	Cllrs Wykes (Chairman), Honeyman, Kelly, Moore, Owens and Bennett
PAC0108	Apologies for absence	None
	In attendance	Cllr. Toner M Kundi (Council Manager and Parish Clerk)
PAC0109	Declarations of interest	None
PAC0110	Public participation	None
PAC0111	Minutes of previous meeting held on 22 nd February 2019	Approved as a correct record on 3 rd June 2019, and duly authorised the Chairman to sign them
PAC0112	Matters arising	Members considered the attached 'Matters Arising and Action List' and noted the content.
PAC0113	Committee's Terms of Reference	Members considered the Park & Amenities Committee's terms of references and agreed to review them on a regular basis to ensure that they are relevant and up to date.
PAC0114	Clerk's reports Ground Maintenance Contractor's performance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A verbal report on the performance of the newly appointed Ground Maintenance Contractor was presented. Members agreed that the Contractor was performing very well and that the Park, including the Bowling Green looked wonderful. Members stated that some members of the public have made very positive comments regarding the Park, and that the ladies from the Bowling Club are extremely happy with the state of the Green. Members concluded that due to the neglect of the Park over the previous years it may take at least another year of specialist attention before the Park could be managed properly in-house. Members AGREED to consider this matter at its next meeting on 5th August 2019, with the aim of extending the existing contract by 12 months.

	<p>Football Match Application form</p> <p>Tuck Shop/Cafe</p>	<p>2. Members considered the football match application form from Jack Maher and after lengthy consideration agreed to REJECT it on the grounds that the proposed time slot would clash with the existing established team.</p> <p>3. A verbal report on the current position of the Tuck Shop/Café was presented, informing Members that since Julie Doyle's decision not to continue with its operation two individual had shown interest, but when requested to provide further information decided not to pursue the matter any further. A third person who had shown some interest failed to provide their correct telephone number and has not been in contact since. Members AGREED that the Council Manager and Parish Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee be delegated to prepare an advertisement with the aim of inviting potential interests, and that the said advertisement to be placed on Parish Council Notice Boards, social media, the Parish Council website and any other site deemed appropriate.</p>
PAC0115	Community event 2020	<p>Cllr. Honeyman indicated that the Community event will be held on 11th July 2020, and that there will be no activities involving donkey rides or bouncing castles. The Council Manager and Parish Clerk informed Members that he has written to Sefton Council requesting information and support to facilitate the event. Members noted that the next meeting of the Working Group is on Monday 10th June 2019.</p>
PAC0116	Potential Community event	<p>Cllr. Honeyman stated this event involved a football team travelling from Germany to play a match with the local team in the Park. Members AGREED to Cllr. Bennett exploring various options to provide a more hospitable welcome, which may include signage, air fresheners in changing rooms etc.</p>
PAC0117	Tennis Courts	<p>The Chairman of the Committee indicated that whilst the matter is still being finalised, however the start date is likely to be either 30th June 2019 or the week of July 2019. Discussions are on-going in terms of publicising the activity.</p>
PAC0118	Community Gardens	<p>The Chairman highlighted the importance role Community Gardens play in building cohesive communities, and how they can help people with dementia, and raise awareness among school children about gardening and growing food. Members AGREED that consultation should be carried out with potential stakeholders with the aim of setting up a small Working Group to explore the viability of the project. Members requested the Council Manager and Parish Clerk to progress this project.</p>

PAC0119	Dog Fouling	Cllr. Honeyman informed the Committee that he has been talking with local dog walker who use the Park, and that most of the dog walkers recognise the problem of dog fouling and are amenable to having a dedicated dog walking area. Clearly such an area would need be properly fenced off with traffic light signage. Members AGREED to creating a temporary dedicated dog walking area in the Park with up to 15m wide strip and running parallel to Lancing Drive. Members requested the Council Manager and Parish Clerk to progress this project.
PAC0120	Benches and Plaque	Cllr. Honeyman highlighted that some benches in the Park were coming to their end of life. This was particularly the case with regard to 'shelter benches' adjacent to the football pitch. Members explored various options for their replacement, including having picnic benches, but AGREED in principle to normal benches. In addition Members AGREED that a new bench with a plaque acknowledging 40years of service provided by ex-Councillor Downey should also be installed in the Bowling Green area. Members requested the Council Manager and Parish Clerk to get quotes for four benches, including a plaque.
PAC0121	CCTV	Cllr. Honeyman advised the Committee of the recent incident involving some vandalism in the Park. He also mentioned that both he and the Park Officer has witnessed youngsters climbing on to roofs of the two main building. Members AGREED in principal to having standalone CCTV cameras, which would allow recording and monitoring of the Park independent of SeftonArc. Members requested the Council Manager and Parish Clerk to obtain some quotes, and to consult with the Police and SeftonArc on the matter.
PAC0122	Play Equipment meeting with Sefton Council Officer	The Chairman updated Members regarding the meeting with Sefton Council Officer. Cllr. Wykes stated that on the day of the meeting the Officer investigated all the areas of safety concerns relating to play areas, and agreed to provide a report setting out potential solutions, including where possible costings. In addition he agreed to provide names of potential Play Ground Safety Inspectors who will be able to carry out yearly inspections. Members NOTED the comments and AGREED to having a special meeting to discuss the report should that become necessary.
PAC0123	EPICA	The Chairman provided some background to the work undertaken by EPICA and then stated that she cannot find any justifications for retaining EPICA. Members considered the matter and AGREED that the Parish Council be recommended to terminate the contract with EPICA. Members recognised that EPICA required four months' notice and INSTRUCTED the Council Manager and Parish Clerk to issue the termination notice now, but to withdraw the notice should the Parish Council be minded to retain EPICA.

PAC0124	Dates of next meetings	P & A Committee	F & GP Committee	Parish Council
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th August 2019 • 7th October 2019 • 16th December 2019 • 3rd February 2020 • 6th April 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17th June 2019 • 19th August 2019 • 21st October 2019 • 16th December 2019 • 17th February 2020 • 20th April 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15th July 2019 • 16th September 2019 • 18th November 2019 • 20th January 2020 (Budget/Precept) • 16th March 2020 • 18th May 2020 (Annual Parish Council)
<p>The meeting closed at 09.00pm Minutes PAC 0108 to PAC 0124 received as a correct record on 5th August 2019</p>				
<p>.....</p> <p>Chairman Cllr. Wykes</p>				

