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To: Members of Amenities Committee
Remainder of Council for information

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the Amenities Committee will be held in the Pine Room, Marchwood Village Hall, on Monday 9th September at 7.30pm when you are summoned to attend.

Yours sincerely



Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

1. **Apologies**
2. **Public Participation** – may speak for up to three minutes.
3. **Declarations of Interest**
4. **Chairman's Remarks**
5. **To confirm minutes of the meetings held on 17th June 2013**
6. **To receive a report from AMF Supervisor Tony Lavington.** (Report A)
7. **Skate Park** – Update on noise abatement order (Report B)
8. **Bush/ foliage at Admiralty Quay** – Letter from resident regarding bushes at the back of his property (Attached)
9. **Telephone Kiosk** – Verbal update

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings of the Parish Council. Copies of the notes to the agenda are available from the Parish Council office on request.

Report from AMF Supervisor

- All electric equipment has been PAT tested
- New playground sign on Admiralty Quay
- Mower repaired – oil cooler
- 4 new tyres on pick up
- Pony Field / Village Centre foot path improvement nearly completed
- Summer Grounds man finishes 20/09/2013

Skate Park:

In relation to the complaint about the noise from the above skate park, I have undertaken several noise monitoring visits and not substantiated that a statutory nuisance exists and therefore at this present time I cannot require you to take any further action.

I am hoping to undertake further monitoring visits during periods with a quieter background noise level to try and capture the skate park noise when it is likely to be most disturbing.

From my visits and inspection of the skate park, whilst not wishing to be critical of anyone, the design of the skate park is not great. The metal ramps and platforms bang every time they are landed on (with a scooter etc.) and the ramps are not sturdy. There is also a lot of reverberation when the ramps and platforms are being used as they act like a drum.

To reduce the noise levels, the following could be undertaken; however, I would strongly recommend that you seek the advice from a reputable skate park designer before undertaking any works should you choose to do so.

1. Weld in some more support bars under the ramp to make them more sturdy;
2. Apply some damping material to the reverse side of the ramps and platforms to reduce the reverberation effect;
3. Enclose the side of the ramps with material that will not resonate;
4. Use a different ride surface to soften the noise impact.

To reiterate, I am not requiring that any works take place; however, in the interests of good neighbourliness, the above points would make a difference to reducing the noise levels from the skate park. In addition to or instead of the above points, there may be other works that might be more effective in reducing the noise level.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss the matter in further detail.

Regards

Gary Worsley
Senior Environmental Health Officer
Environmental Protection | Public Health and Community Safety

Good afternoon,

I have been advised to write to you with a concern I have over the effect the bush/foliage at the rear of my property is having on my garden and its function.

Collette was kindly visited once before as the foliage had over ground and required trimming back. This was carried out last year but as with all plant life it has been growing again quite rapidly and is now causing some issues.

The issues that are being caused are as follows -:

Seeds from the bush are depositing in my garden and growing in the lawn
The seeds have spawned really tough roots that when cut with a lawn mower have left very sharp pin like roots just below the grass line
My 2 year old son plays in the garden and has trodden on these roots and really hurt his feet
Cost to me of continuous weed killing and ongoing maintenance of lawn by lawnmaster
Yearly shed of leaves landing in my garden
Constant blocking of light causing heavy moss in the autumn/winter months

I have attached some photos to show the foliage, damage to garden and roots appearing.

Mr Richard Lynett



