

Tidenham Parish Council

Amenities Committee 2013/14 – Page 7

Minutes of a Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 8th January 2014 at 7.00pm at the Tidenham War Memorial Hall

Present: Mr S Ford – Chairman, Mr G Birt, Mrs S Bollen, Mr B Bowshall, Mrs G Kirkpatrick and the Clerk together with Mrs C Dawson and Mrs H Molyneux who both arrived after the start of the meeting

1. Receive Apologies for Absence

Resolved to accept apologies from Mr Blunt and Mr Hossack

2. To Receive Declarations of Interest (*Interests may be declared at any time during the meeting should one become apparent*)

None

3. To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th November 2013

Resolved to approve and duly signed

4. Matters Arising from the above Minutes and not on the Agenda

None

5. Public Consultation

None

6. Clerk's Report

All matters on the Agenda

7. To Consider the Area on Corner of Elm Road by Dog Bin

This matter to be considered in the spring also bearing in mind that other bins in the Parish might need similar work.

8. To Consider Churchyard Works

- Cyclical clearing of churchyards – noted that this is in hand.
- The wall report and quotations obtained were discussed. **Resolved** to accept the quotation from Mark Bearcroft for the works at Tidenham Church at a cost of £6,400 – this work to commence in March and part invoiced in that month. Remainder of the work will be completed in April as the works proceed and are completed

9. To Consider the Tree Report for the Parish

The Clerk has chased the report since before Christmas but it has still not been received due to the work load of Barletts. However the Clerk received, on the day of the meeting, a draft of the section relating to Wyebank Road in order that the Committee

could deal with the request from Mr McKenna and subsequent enquiries from Cllr Gethyn Davies. The draft report states that ivy needs to be severed and the deadwood removed but left on the ground for habitat purposes however this action is not urgent. When the full report is received quotations will be obtained for all recommended works and decisions made on the urgency of each action with actions proceeding on the basis of the level of urgency: there is no intention to fell trees anywhere within the Parish unless this is recommended by the tree consultancy firm's report

10. To Consider Play Area and Open Spaces Issues

- Play areas – Clerk to copy the latest month inspection sheet to all members of the Committee with matters to be considered at the meeting in March. Mr Hossack will provide details of the replacement fort he had obtained – this will enable the Clerk to obtain up to date quotations
- Open Spaces – the tree in Castlevew to be examined by Greengrafter and a quote obtained for possible future action. No action to be taken on the riding of motorbikes within Shirley's Grove but the matter was noted

11. To Consider Correspondence Received:

- Email from Gethyn Davies chasing a reply on the trees on Wyebank Road – taken under Item 9

12. Councillor's Local Matters

The Clerk reported on the incident, which took place on 5th/6th January, involving the bus shelter on the A48 close to Hanley Farm whilst the road was flooded, it is believed that a lorry or large vehicle hit the bus shelter: the shelter was moved back to the hedge by GCC Highways in order to clear the blocked footway and Mrs Cracknell had quoted a sum of approximately £100 to remove the demolished shelter. The Clerk, with the agreement of the Chair of Council and the Chair of Amenities Committee, took the decision to request Mrs Cracknell to proceed under Health and Safety – this was done on 8th January. A decision about the possible replacement of the shelter will be taken at the March meeting

13. Date of next meeting – 12th March 2014

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.01pm