

Tidenham Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 11th June 2014 @ 7.00pm at the Tidenham War Memorial Hall

Present: Mr S Ford – Chairman, Mr G Birt, Mrs S Bollen, Mr B Bowshall, Mr A Hossack, Mrs G Kirkpatrick, Mrs H Molyneux, the Clerk and three members of the public

1. To Elect a Chairman

There being no other nominations Mr Ford was proposed and elected

2. Receive Apologies for Absence

Resolved to accept apologies from Mr Blunt and Mrs Dawson

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

None

4. To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th March 2014

Resolved to approve and duly signed

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

None

6. Public Consultation

Local residents spoke on the amount of weeds and the height of the grass growing in Bigstone Grove and the surrounding areas. This is causing a problem for those living in the area.

7. Clerk's Report

All on the Agenda and therefore addressed elsewhere

8. To Consider Footway between Gloucester Road and Bigstone Close

One of the residents who had spoken had sent through to the Clerk a history of what had happened in the past and this had been distributed with the Agenda. Mr Ford read a note from another resident which said that Severn Avenue was cut by the Parish – this is not the case, it is cut by residents. Mr Hossack said that it was not the Parish Council's responsibility and it was laughable for Cllr Molyneux to say pay for it from the Council tax. Mr Birt said that it was owned by the County Council and was up to them to cut it. Mrs Kirkpatrick suggested a petition. Mr Ford said there was no easy answer; the Parish Council could not afford to cut all the grass in the Parish and the only option was a letter to Cllr Vernon Smith and Cllr Patrick Molyneux stating that it was unfair to keep pushing the Parish Council to increase its expenditure. **Resolved** to write the letter and to copy in District Councillor Gethyn Davies

9. To Consider Churchyard Works

Cyclical clearing of churchyards – this had yet to be done. The Chairman and the Clerk had walked around the three churches and ascertained what needed to be done. The Clerk to obtain quotations

The wall at St Luke's on the right hand side has some coping stones which are loose and the School had asked the Parish Council to repair – the Clerk to obtain a quotation for mechanical fixing to the wall and to request permission from the Diocese. **Resolved** to delegate to the Clerk providing the cost is less than £1,000. In the same letter the School had asked the Parish to fit a gate to prevent the children running out **Resolved** to write saying that this was not the role of the Parish Council

10. To Consider the Tree Report for the Parish

The urgent work has been completed therefore Council were looking at the one year work. The Clerk had prepared a list of one year work for the consideration of Council **Resolved** to ask for quotations based on each separate part of the précis. When speaking to Barletts to mention the Council's displeasure about the remains of the tree in Severn Avenue

11. To Consider Play Area and Open Spaces Issues

Play areas – the Clerk had provided a list of work to be done **Resolved** to get quotes for the repairs. Mr Hossack stated that he had not received the email, from the Clerk, he asked for, explaining when the figure for the finances for the new fort had been agreed – the Clerk said that it was sent two or three days after he asked for it. Mr Hossack then said that the quotes for the replacement were not for equipment similar in nature i.e. log and in his view should be, they did not compare with the current fort. Either the Committee should hold off for another year or take money from Mopla. Mr. Ford pointed out that the John Siley Fund (Mopla) is not in being to supplement council expenditure It is essential to consider what is put in front of the Committee Mr Hossack stated. **Resolved** to circulate the quotes by email (Mr Birt and Mr Ford to do), obtain further quotes more like the fort and to re-consider next month and then select preferred equipment and decide how to fund. It was further suggested that it was easy to obtain grants for work and Council should consider this – the Clerk said that she did not have time to look for grants, assess them and then apply for them.

Open Spaces – **Resolved** the inside of the hedge at Shirley's Grove and the outside to be cut as soon as allowed by law

12. To Consider Correspondence Received:

Mr Hossack – glass on the Recreation Ground - noted

The Parish has received another email from Cllr Gethyn Davies relating to the trees in Wyebank Road and asking when the trees are to be cut down. **Resolved** to write to him again saying that the Committee had already decided and he had been informed

13. Councillor's Local Matters

Mr Hossack said that he had received support from the police in respect of the problems on the Recreation Ground

Date of next meeting The next meeting will be on 30th July – **please note the revised date**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.55pm