

Tidenham Parish Council

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Minutes of an Amenities Committee Meeting held on 11th March 2015 at 7.00pm at Tidenham War Memorial Hall

Present: Councillor: S Ford (Chairman)
Councillors: S Bollen, B Bowshall, G Birt, H. Molyneux,
Administrator: K Duffin (Minutes)

1. Receive Apologies for Absence

Apology from Cllr G Kirkpatrick due to a conflicting meeting at FODDC

Resolved to receive apology from Cllr G Kirkpatrick

2. To Receive Declarations of Interest

None declared.

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous Amenities Meetings of 14th Jan & 18th Feb 2015

a) Meeting of 14th January 2015

Resolved to approve and duly signed

b) Meeting of 18th February 2015

Resolved to add the missing meeting closure time then approved and duly signed

4. Matters Arising from those minutes and not on the Agenda

None

5. Public Consultation

None

6. Clerk's Report

a) To provide a monthly update to status of the Amenities Budget

Resolved to amend the play areas maintenance figure for February from £40 to £55 leaving the forecast overall balance for the end of March at £189.57 (this includes total spend to date and committed monies until the end March. Not including S106 or Shelters money)

Resolved to add an item to the March Full Council meeting to ring fence the amount of £5000.40 to be carried over to the next financial year should the invoice from Greenfields for tree works not be presented in this financial year

b) To provide an update on the status of Gravestone Topple Test training

Testing has been offered on 31st March 10.00 in Tidenham parish. H. Molyneux and K. Duffin offered to attend and pass on the training to other members as required.

The administrator will contact Cllrs Hossack and Kirkpatrick to find out their availability and respond to Coleford Town Council

c) To provide an update on the status of Tree Works by Greenfields

Information: Greenfields have committed to providing a work date by 17th March

d) To provide an update on the status or the Welsh Water works in Wyebank Rd

The Administrator commented on emails from Jan 2015 indicating that the work was complete except for sowing grass seed in the Spring (Welsh Water) and that a mess remains (Resident of Wyebank Rd).

The Administrator will arrange an on-site meeting between Welsh Water and Cllr Ford to agree the scope of works remaining

e) To provide an update on the status of the B4228 footpath

Information: Issue handed to Highways and now completed

7. To Consider Churchyard Works

a) St Lukes

Information: The loose coping stones have now been re-fixed

b) Tidenham Church

To Consider correspondence from the Churchwarden regarding a possible unsafe grave structure. The Warden referred to the "Madocke" tomb with inscriptions back to the 16th century which had spiked railings added at a much later date. The tomb (with railings) is listed. The railings have been declared dangerous by the Health and Safety officer for the Diocese due to their sharp points at approximately 5ft height and the Warden was requesting a contribution to the removal and storage of them. The committee agreed that the railings were not 'unsafe' as such. They were in good condition and firmly fixed. Any danger is due to the design of the railings. Therefore the Parish is not responsible for the issue and is not in a position to supply funding for the work.

The Churchwarden also asked if the Parish would have any objection to a team of volunteers removing "bramble and other vegetation from round the walls and graves".

Resolved that the Administrator will reply to the Churchwarden advising that we will not be contributing to the removal of the railings on the Madocke grave and that the volunteers can proceed with the following provisos

- i. Trees are excluded
- ii. No work is carried out within 1m of the boundary wall

c) Beachley Church

Information: The re-build of part of the stone wall between the Beachley Graveyard and the War Graves has now been completed

8. To Consider Play Area and Open Spaces Issues

a) War Memorial Recreation Ground

Information: The Post Installation check for the play fort installed in November 2014 has been completed with no adverse comments

b) Buttington Road Skate-park

Nothing to report

c) Sedbury Hall

To consider the quote for £35 from the play area monthly inspector to repair the vandalised waste bin by re-drilling the base to fix new bolts and provide reinforcement plates on the inside of the bin

Resolved to accept the quote and for the Administrator to arrange for the work to be carried out

d) Buttington Rd Recreation Ground

Nothing to report

e) Woodcroft Recreation Ground

The Winter work has now been completed with the treating of the moss growth on safety surfaces. Cllr Birt will attempt to remove some surface dead moss with a brush as much as the brittle safety surface will allow

f) Miss Shirley's Grove

See agenda item 9

g) A48 Bus Shelter

The work to re-build the roof is now complete

h) Stroath Bus Shelter

To consider the state of the bus shelter on the southbound carriageway of the A48 near Stroath Church which appears to have been hit by a large vehicle. The damage was reported by a nearby resident. The structure is modular steel and was in a dangerous state with half of the roof collapsed but attached and the front roof sill collapsed and presenting sharp edges at head height. The Administrator made safe and arranged to have the dangerous roof section removed. Currently the structure stands safely with half the roof intact and affording shelter

Resolved that the Administrator obtain quotations before the next meeting to

- i. Rebuild the existing structure
- ii. Buy a new shelter
- iii. Remove the existing and replace

9. To Consider the site visit to Miss Shirley's Grove/Castleford Hill to assess whether the existing breach of the fence be made a formal entry/exit point

Resolved that the site visit resulted in the following action.

That the administrator provide quotations for the following programme of work:

- i. To provide a 'kissing gate' between Miss Shirley's Grove and the Recreation Ground
- ii. To provide a section of 'pig wire' between Miss Shirley's Grove and the Recreation Ground
- iii. The boundary hedge between Miss Shirley's Grove and Castleford Hill to be 'Laid'
- iv. To perform a close flail of all brambles and other vegetation between the trees over the whole of the grove

10. Councillors Local Matters and Matters for next Agenda

None reported

14. To Confirm Date of next meeting

10th June 2015

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.21 pm