

# Tidenham Parish Council

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### Minutes of an Amenities Committee Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7.00pm at Tidenham War Memorial Hall

**Present:** Councillors S Ford (Chairman), S Bollen, B Bowshall, G Kirkpatrick, G Birt, A Hossack, H Molyneux and the Administrator K Duffin

**1. Receive Apologies for Absence**

None

**2. To Receive Declarations of Interest**

None.

**3. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous Planning Committee Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

**Resolved** to approve and duly signed.

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

Item 11 of the last minute relates to a street light in Mopla Rd which could not be repaired due to the tree growth climbing the pole and preventing access by the Street Lighting Department. Cllr Hossack reported that the tree growth has been removed and the light is now repaired and working.

**5. Public Consultation**

None.

**6. Clerk's Report**

Pictures of the new play fort in the War Memorial Recreation Ground have been sent to the Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association for inclusion in their next newsletter.

**7. To Consider Churchyard Works**

a) St Luke's

i. The winter schedule of work by Greengrafter is complete

ii. The coping stones have still not been re-fixed

The contractor has agreed to prioritise the work

b) Tidenham Church

i. The winter schedule of work by Greengrafter is complete

ii. The churchwarden has reported a possible unsafe grave structure

**Note:** The Administrator will visit and report

c) Beachley Church

i. The winter schedule of work by Greengrafter is complete

ii. The repair of the wall between the churchyard and military graveyard has not begun

The contractor has agreed to prioritise the work

d) The safety of gravestones was discussed. Confirmation of proposed training dates for councillors is still awaited from Coleford Council. This will enable grave safety testing and to borrow a testing tool from Coleford Council. This is still pending

**Note:** the Administrator to contact Coleford council to confirm and progress

## 8. To Consider Play Area and Open Spaces Issues

- a) War Memorial Recreation Ground
  - i. The new play fort installation was completed in Nov 2014
  - ii. The safety surface around the dual swing has been replaced
- b) Buttington Road Skate-park
  - i. The hedge has been cut inside and outside along Offas Close and King Alfred's Road
- c) Sedbury Hall
  - i. The climbing frame ladder has been repaired
  - ii. The waste bin remains to be repaired
- d) Buttington Rd Recreation Ground
  - i. A hole in the chain link fence has been repaired
- e) Woodcroft Recreation Ground
  - i. The winter work schedule by Greengrafter is complete with the exception of the removal of moss from some areas of the safety floor
- f) Miss Shirley's Grove
  - i. Cllr Kirkpatrick reported that the District Council have agreed to carry out the coppice of the tree and bush at the end of Mopla Rd
- g) A48 Bus Shelter
  - i. The contractor visited the site in December to 'make safe' and repair is scheduled end Jan/start Feb 2015
- h) Post installation report for the new play fort
  - i. Three quotes were considered to carry out a post installation check of the new play fort at the War Memorial Recreation Ground. The administrator had taken the opportunity to include the cost of carrying out the Annual Safety Checks on all TPC recreational sites in the same quote.  
**Resolved** to accept the quote from ROSPA to carry out the post installation check immediately and the annual safety checks in April or May. The administrator will also seek a discount for committing to both works

## 9. To Consider Tree Report Action Summary

Two quotes for work as per the Nov 2013 tree report were presented for discussion. The quote from Greenfields was favoured on both price and scope of work. Members discussed how much of the work could be funded from the current budget. However, the amount of two budgeted anticipated cost figures could not be confirmed due to the resignation of the Clerk (and Responsible Finance Officer). Members decided to get clarification of the Amenities budget and hold an extra Amenities meeting before the Full Council meeting in February to consider this one agenda item.

**Resolved** the Administrator to update the Amenities budget document with the Chairman and new Clerk and present for discussion at an extra Amenities Committee meeting to be held immediately prior to the Full Council meeting in February 2015.

**10. To Consider Adopting a 'New Tree For Old' Policy**

Cllr Hossack requested that the council adopt a policy to replace any tree which has to be removed. After discussion the committee agreed that *"the Council aspires to replace any tree which has to be removed for health, damage, vandalism or safety reasons with a suitable replacement. The decision to do so and the choice of tree type and position will be decided on a case by case basis"*.

**Resolved** to accept the tree policy as stated.

**11. To Consider a New Gate at Shirley's Grove**

Cllr Bowshall requested that an existing breach in the fence between Shirley's Grove and Castleford Hill be changed to a gate to prevent animals and children running onto the main road. The previous clerk had contacted the Highways Dept with the request-who had replied that it did not seem feasible but it would carry out a survey before deciding. There is some uncertainty as to whether the breach is actually in Shirley's Grove or the Recreation Ground. There is also a breach between Shirley's Grove and the Recreation Ground. Members decided to carry out a site meeting to clarify the problem and be able to propose a solution.

**Note:** The Committee will meet on site on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 10.00.

**12. To Consider Correspondence received**

A letter from Mr Kirkpatrick regarding the tree at the end of Mopla Rd has been superseded by the response from FODDC (See minute item 8. g).

**13. Councillors Local Matters and Matters for next Agenda**

Cllr Molyneux reported the pavement on the B4228 at Woodford Hill is obstructed by tree debris.

**Note:** Administrator to report to Highways Dept.

**14. To Confirm Date of next meeting**

11<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.28 pm**