

Tidenham Parish Council

Amenities Committee 2013/2014 – Page 9

Minutes of a Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 12th March 2014 @ 7.00pm at the Tidenham War Memorial Hall

Present: Mr S Ford – Chairman, Mr G Birt, Mrs S Bollen, Mr B Bowshall, Mrs C Dawson, Mr A Hossack, Mrs G Kirkpatrick, Mrs H Molyneux and the Clerk

1. Receive Apologies for Absence

Resolved to accept apologies from Mr Blunt

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 8th January 2014

Resolved to adopt 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 although Mr Hossack stated that he had not been asked to provide the original quotation for the fort

7. To Consider the Demolished Bus Shelter on A48

Resolved not to replace as not used a great deal and no shelter on the opposite side of the A48

8. To Consider Any Required Works at Elm Road Next to the Dog Bin

Resolved to consider during the spring walk about the open spaces

9. To Consider Churchyard Works

The cyclical clearing of churchyards, other than the tree report works, has been completed. The wall works at Tidenham are almost completed. The Clerk provided the up to date financial statement which showed that some £5,450 remains for the current year. **Resolved** to settle Mr Bearcroft's pending invoice in the sum of £5,250 with the remainder (£1,150) being paid in the new financial year. Further wall works for the 14/15 financial year will be considered in the autumn 2014

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10. To Consider the Tree Report for the Parish

A précis of the works required was issued by email prior to the meeting with a hard copy given out at the meeting. This was discussed and **Resolved** to proceed with the felling of the trees identified as potentially hazardous (three in number) and to stump grind two of these. Further **Resolved** to obtain quotations for the one year work and to discuss at the next meeting. The trees on Wyebank Road for which Council had received a request to fell were discussed; **Resolved** to write to Mr McKenna (cc Cllr G Davies, Cllr Molyneux and Claire Hughes) and advise that, having examined the report, Council will as per their earlier letter be following the comments made within that report and the timescales identifying the urgency of the works. Other than raising the crowns/cutting back over the footpath and removing some deadwood within the woodland compartments, no further works are recommended in Wyebank Road

11. To Consider Play Area and Open Spaces Issues

- Play areas. The latest report on the play areas was considered and **Resolved** that the Clerk discuss with Mr Bynon and ask for a quotation for the basic works and to proceed if below £350.
- The Clerk reported that she was looking for a replacement company to undertake the annual play area inspection – suggested that Glos Playing Fields Association might offer advice and also other local Clerks.
- Mr Hossack then provided a quotation issued to him in January 2014 by Playdale for the replacement fort in the sum of £25,814 including VAT – the Clerk pointed out that this is well in excess of the limit set by the Budget of £17,000. Clerk to **issue** a copy to all members of the Committee and to seek further information before a discussion at the next meeting
- Open Spaces. Mrs Kirkpatrick reported a silver birch tree at the bottom of Shirley's Grove with a branch about to fall over the path – Clerk to ask Mr Bynon to deal if possible

12. To Consider Correspondence Received:

A letter has been received from FES informing Council of an increase in costs from 1st April 2014 of 3.1% in line with the original contract

13. Councillor's Local Matters

None

14. Date of next meeting – 11th June 2014

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.44pm

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