

Tidenham Parish Council

Amenities Committee 2014/2015 – Page 7

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 10th Sept 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 H Molyneux and the Clerk

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

Resolved to accept apologies from Mrs Dawson and Mrs Kirkpatrick

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 30th July 2014

Resolved to approve and duly signed

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

Mr Hossack said that the Amenities Minutes for November 2013 were not on the web site; the Clerk to check and bring a copy for Mr Hossack to the next meeting

5. Public Consultation

None

6. Clerk's Report

Matters all on the Agenda

7. To Consider Churchyard Works

- Cyclical clearing of churchyards: Mr Ford and Administrator to do a walkabout with contractor and bring recommendations and costs to November meeting
- Wall at St Luke's: Having spoken to Mr Tolley, the architect acting for the Diocese, **Resolved** that the Clerk speak to Mr Bearcroft about the mix of the lime mortar that was used and applied before taking any further action. Mr Tolley said that mechanical or cement mortar cannot be used

8. To Consider Play Area and Open Spaces Issues

- Play areas
 - Swing taken out of service in Dane's Hill Recreation Ground due to chain having been sawn through; it is currently held pending a decision. It is to be taken to the Chairman's garden. **Resolved** that Administrator to get quote for repair: if it is under £250 the swing to be repaired

- The War Memorial Play Fort was discussed at length. **Resolved** to request from the Council an additional £3,829.60 from General Reserves in order to proceed with Schoolscapes Ltd quotation for the Beacon Double Tower. The quotation is for a stainless steel slide and Eco Safety floor at a total cost of £17,358 plus VAT, a total cost of £20,829.60
- Open Spaces
 - Shirley's Grove - report on the Giant Hogweed from Brian Watkins (GCC Highways) states that the Hogweed should be cut down and left to die away, probably needed over two years. Mr Ford informed Mr Hossack that no further work at Shirley's Grove should be undertaken by the TWMH&RG Trust

9. To Consider the Tree Report and Severn Avenue

Resolved that any further action will wait until November meeting and depend upon moneys remaining. Mr Hossack questioned the grinding out of the stump at Severn Avenue, again the Administrator to query with Bartlett's why they left so much of the debris

10. To Consider Correspondence Received:

- Email asking about the fort being out of use – and one telephone call. Noted

11. To Consider requesting £2,500 p.a. from Reserves to build up an Amenities fund

To be linked to Item 12 below

12. To Consider Future Capital Use

Resolved that Amenities should request £2,500 per annum to be ring fenced for refurbishment and upgrade of play areas; it not proposed to spend these monies in the years 2015/16 or even the subsequent year but to build a fund for the future to be spent as and when needed

13. Councillor's Local Matters

None

14. Date of next meeting – 12th November 2014

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm