

# Tidenham Parish Council

## Amenities Committee 2019/2020

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**Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.00pm at Tidenham War Memorial Hall.**

**Present:** Councillors: H.Molyneux (Chairman), M. Edwards, S. Bollen, A. Tullett, A.Bayliss, C. Wall.  
Officers: D. Stevens (Clerk's Assistant).  
Public: None.

**1. CHAIRMAN**

Meeting to be chaired by Councillor Molyneux as agreed at the previous meeting.

**2. APOLOGIES**

a. Apologies for absence from those councillors unable to attend were received from Councillor Koning.

b. **Resolved to accept** those apologies received with reasons for absence from Councillor Koning.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

a. **To receive Declarations of Interest** in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers and in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members.

*Interests may be declared at any time during the meeting should they become apparent.*

**None received.**

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

a. **Resolved to approve** as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

b. **To consider** matters arising from those minutes - there were none.

**5. PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

a. **To receive and consider any questions from the Public**, which may be answered but not debated.

**There were no members of the public.**

**6. CLERK'S ASSISTANT REPORT**

a. **Resolved to note and accept** the Amenities budget sheet.

b. **Resolved to note** following paint being poured on the bench and waste bin in Sedbury play area details were forwarded to the Police. Cost to clear split paint was £25.

c. **To note** the dog bins in Elm Road and Gloucester Road are currently emptied twice a week in summer and once a week in winter but with the new housing developments may require either an additional dog bin or emptying more frequently.

**Resolved to monitor** while new developments are being built and occupied. The Clerk's Assistant to also investigate the cost of an additional dog bin to be installed on Beachley Road near the shops.

d. **Resolved to note** new noticeboard for Woodcroft has been installed.

e. **Resolved to note** the repairs and refurbishment of the bench located next to the roundabout at Beachley Road and Sedbury Lane has been completed.

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- f. **Resolved to note** that the return visit to Shirley's Grove to thin the next compartment of trees is provisionally scheduled for Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December.
- g. **To note** the Clerk's Assistant summarised his extended report on the status of the Loop Road, Beachley solar powered defibrillator installation and inputs received for the benefit of the Amenities committee. The report and installation was further discussed taking into account items 8e and 10a of these minutes.  
**Resolved to note and accept** report.

### 7. TO CONSIDER CHURCHYARD WORKS AND ISSUES

- a. None.

### 8. TO CONSIDER OPEN SPACE ISSUES

- a. **Resolved to accept** the quote from Haydn Byron for the clearing of the overgrown hedge which has grown over the bus shelter at Stroat - near Junction of Rosemary Lane (northbound).  
**£25.00 no Vat.**
- b. **Resolved to monitor** and advise of any reports from public on the condition of the bus shelter at Stroat – near Junction of Rosemary Lane (Southbound).
- c. **To consider** the quotes for year 1 tree works (6 months and year 1) following the arborists report of the southern area of Parish Council land in Wyebank Road. Note – three contractors were invited to quote and all three surveyed the site.
  - i. **Resolved to accept** Greenfields – 6 months and year 1. **£440.00 + Vat = £528.00.**
  - ii. **Resolved not to accept** Greenfields – 6 months, year 1 and year 2.  
**£670.00 + Vat = £804.00.**
  - iii. **Resolved not to accept** Trunk Arb Tree Surgery – 6 months and year 1.  
**£530.00 + Vat = £636.00.**
  - iv. **Resolved not to accept** Trunk Arb Tree Surgery – 6 months, year 1 and year 2.  
**£880.00 + Vat = £1,056.00.**
  - v. **Resolved not to accept** Bartlett Tree Experts – 6 months and year 1.  
**£650.00 + Vat = £780.00.**
  - vi. **Resolved not to accept** Bartlett Tree Experts – 6 months, year 1 and year 2 together.  
**£800.00 + Vat = £960.00.**
- d. **To consider** the cost for a memorial plaque and fitting on the bench as stated under 6e.
  - i. **Resolved to accept** Achilles Heel, Chepstow – Brass plaque 100mm x 50mm.  
**£20.83 + Vat = 25.00.**
  - ii. **Resolved to accept** Haydn Bynon – Fitting of plaque. **£10.00 no Vat.**
- e. **Resolved to approve** a) the temporary decommissioning (November to April) of the defibrillator in Loop Road, Beachley.  
**Resolved to approve** b) i. removal of existing solar powered defibrillator solution and reinstallation (April) on the east side of Loop Road, Beachley Road on a new street post with mains electricity being supplied from an adjacent overhead electricity connection. Total removal/installation cost of £1,403.60 + Vat = £1,684.32 to be funded by Gloucestershire CC Highways Local Fund in year 2020/21.  
**Resolved to approve** b) ii. the ongoing cost of electricity from E.On – Unmetered electricity supply, per annum. **£96.58 + Vat = £115.89.**

### 9. TO CONSIDER PLAY AREA ISSUES

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- a. **To consider** the annual inspection report for play areas in Tidenham Parish. There were seven play areas inspected in Tidenham Parish. Overall the majority of risks were reported as either very low or low, there were also no high or very high risks reported. There was one moderate risk reported for corrosion on the Junior Multi Play in Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall play area.

**Resolved** that the Clerk's Assistant to investigate the cost to repair the Junior Multi Play in Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall play area.

### 10. TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a. **Correspondence received** from Miss Gregory with regards the Loop Road, Beachley defibrillator. Correspondence was circulated prior to meeting.

**Resolved** to thank Miss Gregory for her correspondence and advise the options for this defibrillator have been discussed carefully and the councillors resolved a course of action.

- b. **Resolved to note correspondence received** from Haydn Bynon with regards broken wooden step (bottom step) at the pedestrian entrance to Shirley's Grove. The Clerk's Assistant advised the £25 cost to repair was agreed with the Clerk prior to meeting due to safety reasons.

### 11. TO CONSIDER THE AMENITIES BUDGET FOR YEAR 2020/21

The Clerk's Assistant presented the proposed amenities budget for 2020/21.

**Resolved to approve** all budget items except for the Wyebank Road fencing item which should be considered as a virement once quotations have been received.

### 12. TO RECEIVE COUNCILLOR'S LOCAL REPORTS AND MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- a. Councillor Edwards – raised concern about flooding and related road traffic accidents opposite Hanley farm shop and also on the road into St Briavels. To be raised at the next Planning, Development Control and Highways Committee meeting.
- b. Councillor Bayliss – raised concern about broken street light on Danes Hill. Councillor Bayliss will report to GCC street lighting team.
- c. Councillor Bollen – advised that Beachley Heritage Centre was now open to visitors.
- d. Councillor Bollen – advised the Transition Chepstow meeting scheduled for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November has had to be postponed due to Purdah restrictions.

### 13. CHAIRMAN FOR NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be chaired by Councillor Tullett.

### 14. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Next meeting 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

**There being no further business the meeting ended at 8:13pm.**