

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.00pm using the ZOOM video conferencing platform.

**Present:** Councillors: Koning, Molyneux, Tullett and Wall (Chairman).  
Officers: David Stevens (Clerk's Assistant).  
One member of the public

## 1. CHAIRMAN

Meeting chaired by Councillor Wall.

## 2. APOLOGIES

- a. **Resolved to receive** apologies for absence from those councillors unable to attend from Councillor Bollen, Edwards, and Swambo.
- b. **Resolved to accept** those apologies received with reasons for absence from Councillor Bollen, Edwards, and Swambo.

## 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.  
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> November 2020.
- b. **To consider** any questions arising from those minutes.  
**Page 6 item 6c**, the warden for St. Luke's Church has accepted a revised design for the replacement gates. However, a revised quotation was received from the supplier and the cost of oak has significantly increased. The Clerk's Assistant is to present revised costs for consideration at the next meeting.  
**Page 6 item 6d**, the Clerk's Assistant advised no response has been received from the noticeboard supplier despite emails, telephone calls and voicemails.  
**Page 7, item 9**, the Clerk's Assistant to obtain quotes for the repair or replacement of play equipment with rotten timber or damaged parts for consideration at the next meeting. The Clerk' Assistant to also check widths of gates at play areas for wheelchair access and report at the next meeting

## 5. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

**Resolved to accept** that item 8b be taken out of order by decision of the Chairman, due to a member of the public being present.

Mr S Blandford attended the meeting to request that the dog bin on the verge outside Wirewood's Green Manor be relocated. The Clerk's Assistant advised the contractor that empties the dog bins reported that this dog bin, the dog bin at the start of Elm Road and the one next to the footpath on the south side of Gloucester Road are all well used and might need emptying more frequently. The contractor also advised that this dog bin has not been permanently installed yet so could be moved. The Clerk's Assistant also advised of reports of excessive dog mess in the Elm Road area and recommended there is a need for this dog bin. Councillors are to review possible positions and to consider if to relocate this dog bin at the next meeting.

## 6. CLERK'S ASSISTANT REPORT

- a. **Resolved to note and accept** the Amenities budget sheet.
- b. **Resolved to note** indecent graffiti on the climbing frame at Sedbury & Beachley Village Hall.
- c. **Resolved to note** fly tipping along Offa's Close lane and the clean up by Dwr Cymru.
- d. **Resolved to note** that the request to relocate the street light mounted cctv unit in King Alfred's Road has been met with conditions from GCC Street Lighting for both weigh and time limit leading to added costs

for the Council. The Clerk's Assistant to report back to the police with these conditions and ask for their feedback.

- e. **Resolved to note** that notices and temporary fencing installed to close Tidenham Parish adult gym equipment in line with government guidance.

## 7. TO CONSIDER CHURCHYARD WORKS AND ISSUES

**To consider** quotes to survey churchyard walls and provide a repairs schedule with priorities. Note – two surveyors were invited to quote due to the specialist nature of the survey.

- i. **Resolved not to accept** Geomex. **£1,000.00 + Vat = £1,200.00.**
- ii. **Resolved to accept** Housesurveys Ltd. **£700.00 + Vat = £840.00.**

## 8. TO CONSIDER OPEN SPACE ISSUES

a. **To consider** the relocation of the dog bin from the grass area near Mercian Way.

- i. **Resolved to accept** Forest Equipment Services. **£40.00 + Vat = £48.00**

b. **To consider** the relocation of the dog bin from the grass verge outside Wirewood's Green Manor.

- i. **Resolved to consider at next meeting.**

c. **To consider** revised quote for the felling of tree T266 at St Mary's and St Peter's Church, Tidenham. Tree T266 was previously considered in November 2020.

- i. **Resolved to accept** Celtic Roots Tree Services – Vat charged on hire of cherry picker. **£1,955 + Vat = £2,154.**

ii. **Resolved not to accept** Trunk Arb Ltd – no change.

**£2,650 + Vat = £3,180.**

d. **To consider** the quotes for the six month and one-year tree maintenance as suggested in the 2020 arborist report, quotes exclude tree T266 at St Mary's and St Peter's Church, Tidenham.

- i. **Resolved to accept** Greenfields. Quote excludes T266 at Tidenham Church. **£3,555 + Vat = £4,266.**
- ii. **Resolved not to accept** Celtic Roots Tree Services. Quote excludes T266 at Tidenham Church. **£5,880 no Vat.**

iii. **Resolved not to accept** Trunk Arb Ltd. Quote excludes T266 at Tidenham Church.

**£4,530 + Vat = £5,436.**

e. **To Consider** quote for the dismantling and disposal, or if quotes are to be obtained for the replacement, of the bus shelter on the A48 south bound at Wibden, Rosemary Lane.

- i. **Resolved not to accept** Haydn Bynon. **£70.00 no Vat.**

ii. **Resolved** for new bus shelter quotes to be obtained and considered at the next meeting.

## 9. TO CONSIDER PLAY AREA ISSUES

**To consider** the straightening of the adult exercise sign on Wyebank Road.

- i. **Resolved to accept** Haydn Bynon. Including £10 for concrete if required. **£25.00 no Vat.**

## 10. TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

No correspondence received.

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

No reports received.

## 12. CHAIRMAN FOR NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be chaired by Councillor Tullett.

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

Next meeting 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7:38pm.

**THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND POLICE AND CRIME PANELS (CORONAVIRUS) (FLEXIBILITY OF LOCAL AUTHORITY AND POLICE AND CRIME PANEL MEETINGS) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2020.**

These minutes were approved by all Councillors at a virtual meeting of the Parish Council Amenities Committee held under the above regulations during the Covid 19 lockdown period on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and deemed to have been signed as of that date. **Minute 2020/21 page 12 item 4.**