

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on 8th September 2021 at 7.00pm at Sedbury & Beachley Village Hall, King Alfred's Road, Sedbury.

Present: Councillors: Bollen, Koning, McBride, Swambo (chairman), Tullett and Wall.
Officers: David Stevens (Clerk's Assistant).

1. APOLOGIES

- a. **Resolved to receive** apologies for absence from those councillors unable to attend from Councillors Edwards and Molyneux.
- b. **Resolved to accept** those apologies received with reasons for absence from Councillors Edwards and Molyneux.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. **Resolved to approve** as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2021.
- b. **To consider** any questions arising from those minutes.

Page 2 item 10a, Councillor Swambo advised a meeting with the War Memorial Trust to discuss Shirley's Grove and the Recreation Ground grass cutting went well and other items to be discussed at their AGM in September and a new contract to be agreed after. Councillor Swambo also shared a proposal for Shirley's Grove to be used as a forest classroom by local schools with support from the Forest Woodland Trust.

4. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

There were no members of the public present.

5. CLERK'S ASSISTANT REPORT

- a. **Resolved to note and accept** the Amenities budget sheet.
- b. **Resolved to note** no further updates concerning temporary 'keep dogs on a lead' signs at St Mary and St Peter's Church, Tidenham.
- c. **Resolved to note** the repair of the slide steps at Woodcroft at a cost of £25 no Vat.
- d. **Resolved to note** the repair of the swings at Tutshill Recreation Ground at a cost of £15 no vat.

6. TO CONSIDER CHURCHYARD WORKS AND ISSUES

Councillor Swambo advised following a meeting with Revd David Treharne they both felt some of the closed churchyard repairs might be undertaken by voluntary groups to avoid burdening the Council precept. To be considered at future meeting.

7. TO CONSIDER OPEN SPACE ISSUES

- a. **Resolved to accept** the hedge trimming along Shirley's Grove / Mopla Road boundary at a cost of **£228 including Vat**.
- b. **Resolved to accept** the cost of **£117 including Vat** for a Lawful Development Certificate to cover the four benches proposed by the working group. The bench locations proposed include Beachley Road at the top of the steps from the A48, outside the old police station next to the mini roundabouts in Tutshill, Coleford Road at the old Elm Road junction and the quadrant of land opposite the Spar in Sedbury.
- c. **To consider** the revised quote for the replacement fencing along Wyebank Road and a detailed plan. March 2020 Amenities Committee meeting resolved to accept quote of £4,812 + £360 including Vat.
 - i. **Resolved to consider at a future meeting** – WM Garden Services – Supply and install 1.8 Vmex fence approx. 90Lm, allowance for hand dig where necessary. **£4,350.00 + Vat = £5,220.00.**
 - ii. **Resolved to consider at a future meeting** – WM Garden Services – Cut and remove high posts and remove wire (leaving existing stock netting). **£360.00 + Vat = £432.00.**

- iii. **Resolved to accept** – WM Garden Services (detailed plan of where posts to be installed)
£120.00 + Vat = £144.00.

- d. **Resolved to accept** the quote from Haydn Bynon for the clearing of weeds and brambles from the bus shelters on Gloucester Road and Castleford Hill.
£30 no Vat.

8. TO CONSIDER PLAY AREA ISSUES

- a. **To consider** the repair of the agility trail equipment in the Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall play area.
- i. **Resolved to accept** – Mark Pope Carpentry and Joinery – Repair with new wooden posts dug in and fixed with post crete, chains and grab handles used from existing equipment.
£420.00 + Vat = £504.00.
- ii. **Resolved not to accept** – Greenfields – Repair with new timbers, refix handholds and remove and dispose of waste.
£642.00 + Vat = £770.40.
- iii. **Resolved not to accept** – WM Garden Services – Replace one agility unit (jungle walk) – remove existing, supply new with steel legs, site safety.
£1,850.00 + Vat = £2,220.00.

9. TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a. **Resolved to note** call received from resident offering to refurbish the Lady Winnifred Waring memorial bench on Coleford Road, Woodcroft. Councillors asked the Clerk's Assistant to write to the owner of the bench and suggest the Council adopts and supports the refurbishment.
- b. **Resolved to note** email received reporting graffiti (some anti-Semitic) on the little table in the climbing frame playhouse at Tutshill Recreation Ground. Councillors discussed the challenges of graffiti removal or covering up and agreed initially to change the look of the Swastika on the underside of the roof. The Clerk's Assistant to request quote for consideration at a future meeting.
- c. **Resolved to note** email received reporting a broken bench which is now hidden by undergrowth on the junction of B4228 Tidenham Chase and Boughspring junction. Councillors debated the benefit of benches in the parish and for tourism and agreed further investigation to ascertain the state of repair and ownership.

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

Council Koning – updated the committee on The Rising Sun, Woodcroft share scheme.

Council Wall – updated the committee on the opening of the Café on the Hill.

Councillor McBride – advised the bench on Beachley Road in Tutshill at the Sedbury Lane junction will be revarnished.

Councillor Tullett – asked the status of the Sedbury Park House and was advised it had been sold was due to be converted to a hotel, owner unknown.

Councillor Swambo – advised he had received reports that people are not aware of the Parish Council and what it does and suggested Councillors attend clinics/open days with other groups.

Councillor Swambo – updated the committee on the Lunch Club and plans for Christmas Dinner at Sedbury Space.

11. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Next meeting 10th November 2021.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8:28pm.