

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on 11th May 2022 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 Councillor Molyneux.
- b. **Resolved to accept** those apologies received with reasons for absence from Councillor 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 9th March 2022. There were two typos on page 9 and 11, date of meeting and next meeting should be 2022.

- b. **To consider** any questions arising from those minutes.

Page 9 item 5g, The Clerk's Assistant advised response received from insurance company is that whilst there are no specific policy requirements it is strongly recommended that periodic checks, ideally monthly, of play areas are carried out by a competent person and recorded in writing and kept on file by the Council. Councillors also suggested that the competent person has a DBS check.

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. Councillor Koning asked about the churchyard forecast spend and if the District Council will support churchyard repairs. The Clerk's Assistant to report back at the next meeting. Councillor McBride asked about No Mow May initiative and all agreed it was good idea and should be considered for next year at a future meeting.
- b. **Resolved to note** GCC Highways have approved the location of the three proposed Chat benches, these being Gloucester Road (by old police station), Beachley Road (top of steps to A48 bridge) and Elm Road at junction with Coleford Road). Councillors suggested two of the benches be dedicated to Roy Birch and the Covid 19 Helping Group. Councillors also reported that there was previously a bench on Beachley Road (top of steps to A48 bridge) and that the immediate surrounding area experienced antisocial behaviour. The Clerk's Assistant advised Councillors will need to consider the bench style and cost and also quotes for installation at a future meeting.
- c. **Resolved to note** removal of fallen tree branch on Wyebank Road following storm Eunice cost £232 + Vat = £278.40.
- d. **Resolved to note** that a new contractor has not as yet been identified for the monthly play area inspections.

6. TO CONSIDER CHURCHYARD WORKS AND ISSUES

None

7. TO CONSIDER OPEN SPACE ISSUES

Resolved to accept the additional cost of £250.00 plus Vat = £300.00 for changes to the grass cutting routine on Wyebank Road to cut and collect arising from the wildflower area in September.

8. TO CONSIDER PLAY AREA ISSUES

To consider the quotes for the annual playground inspections which is due September, seven playgrounds in all.

- i. **Resolved to accept** – Play Inspection Company – £59.35 + VAT per playground.
£415.45 + Vat = £498.54.
- ii. **Resolved to not accept** – ROSPA Play Safety – £70.00 + VAT per playground.
£490.00 + Vat = £588.00.
- iii. **Resolved to not accept** – Gordon Playground Inspection Ltd – £85.00 per playground.
£595.00 + Vat = £714.00.

9. TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Resolved to note correspondence received regarding condition of Wyebank Road fence towards the north end of the grass area. Also, **resolved to note** that at the Annual Parish Meeting a member of the public requested to increase the planned length of the replacement fence on Wyebank Road. **Resolved to consider** installing cliff edge warning signs at regular intervals along the fence at a future meeting. The Clerk's Assistant to request quotes for the warning signs. The item of the extension of the planned length of the replacement fence to be added to the next Amenities Committee meeting.

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

Council Bollen – reported there will be Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations at the Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall that will include food and drink, stalls, games, raffle, etc. Volunteers to help run the event are still needed.

Councillor Swambo – reported there will be a survey meeting for the new bandstand at Tutshill Recreation Ground on Monday and work to install the bandstand will start on Wednesday. Plans for an opening ceremony are also being considered.

11. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Next meeting 13th July 2022.

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