

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on 13th July at 7.00pm at Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall, King Alfred's Road, Sedbury.

Present: Councillors: Bollen, Swambo (chairman), Tullett and Wall.
Officers: Mr D Stevens (Clerk's Assistant).

1. CHAIRMAN

- a. **To elect** a Chairman for 2022/2023.
Councillor Swambo was proposed and elected unanimously.
- b. **Resolved to not elect** a Vice Chairman for 2022/2023.

2. ATTENDANCE

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

3. 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.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. **Resolved to approve** as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2022.
- b. **Resolved to consider** any matters arising from those minutes. There were no questions.

5. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

There were no members of the public present.

6. CLERK'S ASSISTANT REPORT

- a. **Resolved to note and accept** the Amenities budget sheet.
- b. **Resolved to note** no response from GCC Highways for approved installers for Chat benches. Cllr Swambo suggested contacting Mr N Choat the new Local Highways Manager. In addition, the Clerk's Assistant to identify local contractors who could do the installation and obtain quotes.
- c. **Resolved to note** Wyebank Road fence delayed due to material shortages. The contractor is to be asked for an update.

7. TO CONSIDER CHURCHYARD WORKS AND ISSUES

Resolved to note closed churchyard response from Forest of Dean District Council. **Resolved to accept** the Council doesn't have the budget to fund the wall and gate repairs and the Parochial Church Council (PCC) should be contacted to either support funding and/or agree to a lower cost repair that might not be like for like.

8. TO CONSIDER OPEN SPACE ISSUES

Resolved to note correspondence from Glebe Contractors with regards implementation of No Mow May next year. Councillors agreed to consider at a future meeting.

9. TO CONSIDER PLAY AREA ISSUES

None.

10. TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a. **Resolved to not replace** the entire length of Wyebank Road fencing as suggested by a resident but instead install warning signs at intervals along the length of Wyebank Road fencing. The resolution

taken at the 9th March 2022 meeting to replace approx. 90Lm of fencing, where the fence has been damaged and the undergrowth cutback, to be completed when materials are available. The Clerk's Assistant to request quotes for the warning signs and to consider the cost including installation to be considered at a future meeting.

- b. **Resolved to note** email received regarding dog waste bins and dog fouling warning signs on the Greenway cycle path and footpaths near Tidenham. The district Street Warden has put up dog fouling warning signs along Netherhope Lane and Tidenham Lane and also at the entrances to the Greenway path at Netherhope Lane, Bishton Lane, Snipehill and Wyedean School. Councillors resolved dog waste bins are well placed in the Parish and no new dog waste bins are required. Councillors were concerned at reports of some users driving up to dog waste bins and depositing dog waste.
- c. **Resolved to note** email received with regards improvements for Sedbury. Councillors appreciated the detailed report received and the Community Development Forum will be inviting this resident to participate in a meeting to further discuss improvements to the Parish play areas.
- d. **Resolved to note** email received with regards gates at Tutshill Recreation ground. The email was forwarded to the Tidenham War Memorial Hall and Recreation Trust.
- e. **Resolved to note** report of Ragwort growing in the wild flower meadow on Wyebank Road and on the roundabout on Beachley Road.
- f. To receive and consider any other correspondence. No other correspondence received.

11. TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS' LOCAL REPORTS AND MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Councillor Bollen – reported Forest of Dean District Council will be arranging a public consultation at the Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall to discuss and receive public feedback to the new Local Plan.

Councillor Swambo – reported a resident has shown interest in doing the monthly playground checks. Details are to be forwarded to the Clerk.

12. RESOLVED TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Next meeting 14th September 2022.

The meeting closed at 19:54 hours.