

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on 5th October 2022 at 7.00pm at Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall, King Alfred's Road, Sedbury.

Present: Councillors: Bollen, Edwards, Koning, McBride, Swambo (chairman), Tullett and Wall.
Officers: Mrs C Hinton (Clerk).

1. ATTENDANCE

- 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 13th July 2022.
- b. **Resolved to consider** any matters arising from those minutes. There were no questions.

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** GCC Highways to enquire if Community Lengthsman team can install chat benches.
- c. **Resolved to note** contractors are due to start replacing the agreed section of fencing on Wyebank Road.
- d. **Resolved to note** resident who sent in suggestions for improvements to Sedbury Play Areas been advised a Community Development Forum meeting will be arranged to further consider suggestions.
- e. **Resolved to note** overgrown foliage at St Mary's and St Peter's Church, Tidenham has been cut back by the grass cutting contractors.
- f. **Resolved to note** the cut and collect wildflower arisings from Wyebank Road to be taken to the proposed community garden corner on Buttington Road skatepark, as per motion considered at May 2022 meeting.

6. TO CONSIDER CHURCHYARD WORKS AND ISSUES

Councillor Swambo reported that he had spoken with Revd Treharne regarding the cost of churchyard maintenance who agreed that there should be some discussion on expenditure, particularly at the current time. He had provided details of an appropriate contact at Gloucester Diocese who Cllr Swambo will make an initial approach to. The Clerk explained the background to the Parish Council being responsible for the maintenance and that she had been unable to find an historic minute reference. Although the Council is responsible for the maintenance, options for current and future maintenance need to be explored, the cost of which is becoming unsustainable.

7. TO CONSIDER OPEN SPACE ISSUES

- a. **Resolved to approve** hedge trimming along Shirley's Grove / Recreation Ground and Mopla Road boundary. Awaiting quote, previous quote was for £246 inc. Vat for Shirley's Grove section of hedge. The Council is now also responsible for the Recreation Ground section of hedge so assume same price as Shirley's Grove. Total, to also include 10% contingency, £542 inc. Vat.
- b. **Resolved not to approve** supporting No Mow May next year. Supporting this and other initiatives to be taken into account when the grass cutting contract is re-negotiated during 2023.

- c. **Resolved not to approve** purchase of 'Cliff Edge – Keep Out' signs and quantity to be fitted along the Wyebank Road fence.

i. WM Garden Services - Supply and fit aluminium backs with rails 300/400mm.

£90.00 per sign + Vat = £108.00.

£450.00 for 5 signs + Vat = £540.00.

Committee to consider purchase of 5 signs direct from supplier and to be fitted by councillor / handyman.

8. TO CONSIDER PLAY AREA ISSUES

- a. **Resolved to receive and note** the annual playground inspection report and recommendations for repairs and refurbishments. Quotation to be obtained for the replacement parts to repair the equipment at Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall, in a more durable material.

- b. **To consider** repair of Junior Multi Play equipment at Tutshill Memorial Recreation Ground. Rotten timber has been isolated.

i. **Resolved not to approve** quotation from Playdale Playgrounds Ltd. £854.78 + Vat = £1,025.74.

ii. **Resolved not to approve** quotation from WM Garden Services which had been received prior to the meeting.

iii. **Resolved to approve** quotation from Greenfields. £448.00 + Vat = £537.60.

9. TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a. **Resolved to note** correspondence from two residents living on Wyebank Road regarding fencing and the wildflower meadow.

- b. **Resolved to approve** request for a fire safety muster point sticker for The Rising Sun pub to be placed on the Woodcroft Defibrillator box. Rising Sun to erect this, subject to approval of method of fixing.

- c. **To receive and consider** any other correspondence. **There was none.**

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

None.

11. RESOLVED TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Next meeting 9th November 2022.

The meeting closed at 19:59 hours.