

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on 9th November 2022 at 7.00pm at Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall, King Alfred's Road, Sedbury.

Present: Councillors: Bollen, Koning (chairman), Molyneux and Wall.
Officers: D Stevens (Assistant Clerk).
Two members of the public.

Cllr. Molyneux proposed Cllr. Koning to chair the meeting, all agreed.

1. ATTENDANCE

- a. **Resolved to receive** apologies for absence from those councillors unable to attend from Cllr McBride, Swambo and Tullett.
- b. **Resolved to accept** those apologies received with reasons for absence from Cllr McBride, Swambo and Tullett.

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 5th October, 2022.
- b. **Resolved to consider** any matters arising from those minutes. There were no questions.

4. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Mr Powell attended the meeting and asked the committee why there is a need to modify the Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall to include a full-size kitchen and if the disabled toilet will be relocated. Mr Powell also asked why there is a rush to have this work completed. The chairman advised that the changes to the Village Hall were not on the agenda and therefore cannot be discussed at this committee meeting, and it is usual all matters referring to the Village Hall are considered at full Council meetings. The chairman suggested Mr Powell attend the full Council meeting on Wednesday, 16th November. Mr Hopkinson attended the meeting for the same reasons as Mr Powell and also to make the committee aware that while the Parish Council is the registered owner of the Village Hall and play areas there is an area ten feet wide round the perimeter that belongs to Gloucestershire County Council, the purpose is apparently to stop any future development of the land. Whilst there are no plans for future development the Assistant Clerk was asked to investigate further.

5. ASSISTANT CLERK'S REPORT

- a. **Resolved to note and accept** the Amenities budget sheet.
- b. **Resolved to note** that the Woodcroft defibrillator was requested by South West Ambulance Service but not used and has since been checked and made available again.
- c. **Resolved to note** that the hedges along Mopla Road have been trimmed.

6. TO CONSIDER CHURCHYARD WORKS AND ISSUES

The chairman asked if there has been progress with discussions on expenditure for Churchyard work with the Gloucestershire Diocese and if this can be considered at the next meeting.

7. TO CONSIDER OPEN SPACE ISSUES

Resolved to approve the purchase of five 'Danger Cliff Edge – Keep Out' signs which are to be fitted along the Wyebank Road fence. Quotes are for the supply only and are web based, quotes to be obtained for installation. Councillors considered the design, size and material of each proposed sign before deciding on the sign to purchase.

- i. **Resolved to approve** UK Safety Store – Aluminium Composite Board (3mm)

- ii. **Resolved not to approve** UK Safety Store – Rigid Plastic (1mm)
£19.77 each + Vat = £118.60 total.
- iii. **Resolved not to approve** The Sign Shed – Composite Aluminium (3mm)
£13.15 each + Vat = £78.90 total.
- iv. **Resolved not to approve** The Sign Shed – Recycled Plastic (3mm)
£14.57 each + Vat = £87.25 total.
- v. **Resolved not to approve** Selectequip – Aluminium Composite Aluminium
£8.27 each + Vat = £49.60 total.
- vi. **Resolved not to approve** Selectequip – Foamex (5mm)
£9.60 each + Vat = £57.60 total.
- £7.20 each + Vat = £43.20 total.

8. TO CONSIDER PLAY AREA ISSUES

Resolved to approve that the Committee will consider the purchase of replacement play equipment at Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall, in a more durable material in the next financial year. Due to cost of play equipment, Councillors agreed that £10,000 should be set aside in the 2023/24 budget to part fund the replacement play equipment.

9. TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Resolved to note there was no correspondence.

10. TO CONSIDER THE AMENITIES BUDGET FOR YEAR 2023/24

Resolved to approve the Amenities budget for 2023/24 with the following changes, budget to be considered by the Finance Committee for inclusion in the full council budget.

- i. Addition of £10,000 for replacement play equipment in future years.
- ii. Check insurance coverage and if the tree survey can be undertaken every 4 or 5 years instead of the current 3 years.
- iii. Year 1 tree work assumption to be transferred to financial year 2024/25.

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

Cllr. Molyneux – raised concerns regarding the lack of action by Gloucester County Council and Welsh Water to resolve the leaking septic tank on Mrs Bramble and Son's Farm on Loop Road.

Cllr. Wall – asked if GCC Highways were willing to install the proposed chat benches. The Assistant Clerk advised he had received confirmation but GCC Highways require further details of the actual benches to be installed. Councillors to consider style of chat bench at next meeting and details to be sent by the Assistant clerk to GCC Highways. The clerk to write to residents living adjacent to proposed chat bench locations to inform them of proposed chat benches prior to installation.

12. RESOLVED TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Next meeting 11th January, 2023.

The meeting closed at 20:20 hours.