

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on 8th March 2023 at 7.00pm at Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall, King Alfred's Road, Sedbury.

Present: Councillors: Edwards, Koning, Swambo (chairman), Tullett and Wall.
Officers: D Stevens (Assistant Clerk).

1. ATTENDANCE

- a. **Resolved to receive** apologies for absence from those councillors unable to attend from Cllrs Bollen, McBride and Molyneux.
- b. **Resolved to accept** those apologies received with reasons for absence from Cllrs Bollen, McBride 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 11th January, 2023.
- b. **Resolved to consider** any matters arising from those minutes.

Page 7, item 7b – Cllr. Tullett asked if the proposed benches should still be known as Chat Benches. Cllr. Swambo advised yes, and will show some photos of benches in other areas being used as Chat Benches. Cllr. Koning also advised that, following a meeting with Two Rivers Housing, they were supportive of a Chat Bench on their land opposite the Spar and next to the crossing on Beachley Road, Sedbury.

4. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

There were no members of the public present.

5. ASSISTANT CLERK'S REPORT

- a. **Resolved to accept** the Amenities budget sheet.
- b. **Resolved to note** a meeting with Two Rivers Housing was held on 7th March to discuss various concerns in the Sedbury area. Councillors Koning and Swambo advised Two Rivers have changed their management structure and that a new person responsible for the Sedbury area has been employed. A further meeting is to be arranged to progress items discussed.
- c. **Resolved to note** some hedge trimming is required at Tutshill Recreation Ground next to the play area and the Woodcroft play area. Cllr. Swambo agreed to report the Tutshill Recreation Ground hedges to Tidenham War Memorial Hall and Recreation Ground Trust and the Assistant Clerk to obtain quotes for the Woodcroft play area.

6. TO CONSIDER CHURCHYARD WORKS AND ISSUES

There were none.

7. TO CONSIDER OPEN SPACE ISSUES

- a. **Resolved to note** councillors brainstormed some of the trees in the parish that should be protected by means of a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) and agreed to reach out to other members of the parish for a more comprehensive list. Trees brainstormed included; Horse Chestnut and other trees on the land outside Sedbury Park/Belfry, Sedbury; the Oak Tree at the junction of Mercian Way and King Alfred's Road, Sedbury; the conifer at the entrance to Birch Grove, Tutshill; trees on the Woodcroft play area; and the Chestnut trees surrounding the school cricket ground on Coleford Road, Tutshill. Councillors also suggested consulting schools / young people to identify trees that might qualify for TPO's and using social media to get the public involved. The FoDDC Climate Emergency Officer to be asked for ideas. The Assistant Clerk to enquire with FoDDC how to protect trees with TPO's.

b. **Resolved to further consider** the quotations received for the three-year inspection of trees that are the responsibility of the Parish at the next meeting. Councillors agreed they need to further consider if the proposed surveys were like for like and if they included the same trees and sites.

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| i. Bartlett Consulting – 8 sites. | £2,600.00 + Vat = £3,120.00. |
| ii. Arbtech – Condition and hazard survey for 106 trees at 8 sites. | £1,879.00 + Vat = £2,253.60. |
| iii. Treework Environmental Practice – Tree Survey at 8 sites. | £1,925.00 + Vat = £2,310.00. |

8. TO CONSIDER PLAY AREA ISSUES

There were none.

9. TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Resolved to note there was no correspondence.

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

Resolved to note there were no councillor local reports.

11. RESOLVED TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Next meeting 3rd May, 2023.

The meeting closed at 19:46 hours.