

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2023 at 7.00pm at Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall, King Alfred's Road, Sedbury.

Present: Councillors: Bollen, Koning (p/t), 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. Edwards, McBride and Molyneux.
- b. **Resolved to accept** those apologies received with reasons for absence from Cllrs. Edwards, 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 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.
- b. **Resolved to consider** any matters arising from those minutes.

**Page 9, item 5b** – Cllr. Tullett asked if there was any update? Cllr. Swambo advised he had been on a walkaround with a representative from Two Rivers Housing to discuss the various issues in the Parish. The walkaround was arranged by Two Rivers Housing with little notice and was only possible because Cllr. Swambo was available in the area at the time. The feedback was that nothing has changed.

**Page 9, item 7a** – Cllr. Tullett asked if there was any update? The Assistant Clerk advised some progress has been made but he still needs to contact the FoDDC Climate Emergency Officer and investigate how to apply to protect trees with TPO's.

### 4. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

There were no members of the public present.

### 5. ASSISTANT CLERK'S REPORT

- a. **Resolved to accept** the Amenities budget sheets.
- b. **Resolved to note** bi-monthly playground safety checks continue to be completed by the Assistant Clerk.

### 6. TO CONSIDER CHURCHYARD WORKS AND ISSUES

- a. **Resolved to defer consideration** of the quote for the repair of the south side / adjacent to C of E School, churchyard walls at St. Luke's Church, Tutshill. Councillor Swambo suggested a recorded letter be sent to the Diocese restating the previous email request for support and engagement with churchyard repairs. The Assistant Clerk to further discuss with the Clerk.
  - i. **Resolved to defer consideration** of quote from Stonescapes - Pete Rogers. £8,200.00 no Vat.

### 7. TO CONSIDER OPEN SPACE ISSUES

- a. **Resolved to consider** the quotations received for the three-year inspection of trees that are the responsibility of the Parish at the next meeting. The Assistant Clerk advised he had further reviewed the quotes and they all cover similar work. Bartlett Consulting have since reduced their price. Bartlett Consulting have undertaken previous tree surveys for the Council. Councillors considered the quotes and voted three to one in favour of accepting the quote from Bartlett Consulting.
  - i. **Resolved to accept** quote from Bartlett Consulting – 8 sites.

£2,100.00 + Vat = £2,520.00.

- ii. **Resolved to not accept** quote from Arbtech – Condition and hazard survey for 106 trees at 8 sites.  
£1,879.00 + Vat = £2,253.60.

- iii. **Resolved to not accept** quote 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**

There were none.

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

**Cllr. Wall** – enquired if there was any update on the proposed chat benches. The Assistant Clerk advised that the chat benches need to be considered by Full Council due to the type of spend (being both capital item and not included in the 2022/23 budget). Councillors asked the Assistant Clerk to clarify the situation and ask the Clerk to add to the next Full Council agenda to consider the cost.

**Cllr. Bollen** – enquired if there was any progress on the tidying of the Beachley Road/Wyebank Road/Crane Pool Avenue roundabout. The Assistant Clerk advised that Highways will be maintaining the roundabout and cutting the grass, anyone else wanting to plant out the roundabout would need to commit to ongoing maintenance responsibility. Cllr. Swambo suggested a commercial organisation might want to adopt the roundabout.

**11. RESOLVED TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2023.

**The meeting closed at 19:35 hours.**