

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on 8th January, 2025 at 7.00pm at Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall, King Alfred's Road, Sedbury.

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

1. ATTENDANCE

- a. **Resolved to receive** apologies for absence from those councillors unable to attend, from Councillors Stead, Tullett and Wall.
- b. **Resolved to accept** those apologies received with reasons for absence, from Councillors Stead, Tullett and Wall.

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 November, 2024.
- b. **Resolved to consider** any matters arising from those minutes. There were none.

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** the faulty CCTV Camera in King Alfred's Road has been replaced. However, the replacement has developed an HDD issue which requires replacing. The Assistant Clerk is discussing with the manufacture.
- c. **Resolved to note** the damaged CCTV camera in the carpark behind the barbers in Sedbury has been removed and the CCTV sign relocated to one of the new CCTV cameras.
- d. **Resolved to note** the Sedbury defibrillator was reported as used on 23rd December, when checked it had not been used and was put back on line ready to be used again.
- e. **Resolved to note** the Bee signs marking the wildflower area on Wyebank Road have been removed by an unknown person and placed under one of the trees in the orchard area. Councillors suggested planting small trees to mark out the wildflower area, or using sleepers or similar.
- f. **Resolved to note** alternative arrangements are to be made for the ongoing monthly playground checks.
- g. **Resolved to note** GCC Highways still to install the concrete pads for mounting the chat bench by the A48 steps.

6. TO CONSIDER CHURCHYARD WORKS AND ISSUES

Resolved to accept the quote to repair churchyard walls at St Luke's Church, Tutshill and St Mary's and St Peter's Church, Tidenham. The Assistant Clerk explained that the quote did not include all suggested repairs as some areas need to be cleared of overgrown brambles and vegetation in order to obtain a detailed quote. No other quotes were received.

- i. Mark Bearcroft. To repair walls identified as category 5 in recent survey. £4,180 no Vat.

7. TO CONSIDER OPEN SPACE ISSUES

Resolved to accept asking the grass cutting contractor to replace the bee signs marking the wildflower area on Wyebank Road when grass cutting recommences. Councillors also asked the Assistant Clerk to investigate planting of small trees to mark out the wildflower area, or using sleepers or similar, and also if the orchard area could be extended to the entire Wyebank Road grass area.

8. TO CONSIDER PLAYGROUND ISSUES

Resolved to note Councillors discussed the estimated cost of replacing some of the play equipment items and the budget for replacement equipment. In addition, feedback from Councillor Stead (given prior to the meeting) is that the Chepstow Dell Playground group advised their residents would have ideally liked a pump track / cycling training area but space was limited. Councillors agreed the Play Equipment Working group need to regroup and put forward recommendations at a future meeting.

9. TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Resolved to note correspondence from a resident with regards overgrown brambles and trees near the boundary between the allotments on Buttington Road and the resident's property. The Clerks Assistant advised that the Clerk has written to the Allotment Association chair and requested they investigate the issue. Councillors asked if the Clerk's office could write again.

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

Cllr. Koning – reminded the Assistant Clerk to add the Woodcroft Community Speedwatch Camera to the Council asset list.

Cllr. Swambo – advised the Christmas meal at the Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall was a great success and thanked all the volunteers including Sam Hopper the new Sedbury Space manager who sourced much of the food. Cllr. Swambo also mentioned the generosity of those that donated money and prizes to the event.

Cllr. Swambo – due to a shortage of space in the area, asked the committee if the committee room at the hall could be used for mental health assessments. To be considered by the Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall committee.

11. RESOLVED TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Next meeting 12th March, 2025.

The meeting closed at 19:44 hours.