

**VILLAGE AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Village Amenities Committee of Colwall Parish Council  
held on Wednesday 1st February 2017 at 7.30pm in the Jean Simon Room, Colwall  
Village Hall.**

**Present:**

Councillors: Councillors: Beard (Chairman) Butler, Carless, Daniels, James, Kendrick, Rees. Trafford Roberts, the clerk and 4 members of the public.

**1. Welcome and Apologies.**

The Chairman Councillor Beard welcomed those present.

Apologies were received and accepted from Co-opted member Chris Englefield.

Non committee member Councillor Daniels did not vote on any of the matters discussed.

**2. Declaration of Interests.**

None were declared.

**3. Minutes.**

The minutes of Village Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016 were approved, and signed by the Chairman at the meeting.

**4. Amenities Budget.**

i) A summary of the 2016/17 Amenities Committee's year to date accounts was circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk confirmed expenditure is in line with Budget with the exception of: the 2 items highlighted in the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016 minutes, and a small overspend vs budget of £300 in the general maintenance of the Nature Reserve, this is offset by less cost being incurred in the general maintenance of the rest of the village.

ii) A quotation from the WMYOS, for a direct replacement of the notice board at Colwall Green, in a suitable hardwood, for £150, was considered. The Clerk advised that the donor has already sent a chq for £150, to cover the cost.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the chq be banked and an order placed for the new notice board based on this quotation.

**5. Sites Overview.**

Orlin Road Play Area (CE) Reported to be in good condition, other than awaiting new swings to be installed.

War Memorial Garden (GR) Councillor Rees asked when the poppy wreaths could be removed. IT WAS AGREED Councillor Rees would discuss this matter with the Royal British Legion who are responsible for the presenting of the wreaths for the annual Remembrance Day service.

Allens Meadow (CE) Reported to be in good condition.

Walwyn Meadow and Library Building (JB/GR) Reported to be in good condition.

Colwall Green (PK) Councillor Kendrick reported that the clearance of the debris from the ditches/drains was not being removed and a car had been parked in Colwall Green the occupants of which were flying "an Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)". IT WAS AGREED that Councillor Rees would bring these issues to the attention of the Malvern Hills Conservators.

Brookmill Close Play Area (PB) in good condition.

Aunt Alice (GR) In good order, other than running slightly slow due to the current weather.

Railway Gardens (GR) Reported to be in good order.

Nature Reserve (GR) The reserve is generally in good condition but regrettably there has been some vandalism of the new interpretation trail boards.

The Clerk had brought this to the attention of the CSO following the previous meeting and he had spoken with Councillor James.

IT WAS AGREED the Clerk would ask the CSO to call and see Councillor James again who wishes to discuss the possibility of CCTV at the railway station.

## **6. Parish Notice Boards, Village Seats and Litter Bins.**

i) All Parish Notice Boards were reported to be in good order.

Colwall Green Notice Board replacement- see 4(ii) above.

ii) Village Seats and Parish Litter bins were all reported to be in good order.

## **7. Footpaths**

i) The Footpath Officer, Councillor Butler advised that there was nothing of issue to report. A new footpath walker volunteer, Martin Blamire, attended the meeting, as a member of the public and was thanked for volunteering to assist Councillor Butler with the footpaths.

The meeting was suspended to allow Mike Everitt to speak on behalf of Herefordshire Local Access Forum, who are currently trying to generate interest and help in investigating potential public access on routes which have never been claimed/recorded on the Definitive Map or List of Streets and which are in danger of being lost forever after the claim deadline of 2026.

Mr Everitt undertook a presentation to explaining the project and give 4 examples of potential public access on routes which have never been claimed in the Parish.

Mr Rees from the Colwall Village Society "CVS" was present as a member of the public and asked if this was something the CVS would be interested in assisting the Herefordshire Access Forum in.

The meeting was reconvened.

IT WAS AGREED that Colwall Village Society would take this matter up and liaise direct with Mr Everitt.

## **8. Correspondence**

i) Request to consider "No Ball Games" signage in Walwyn Meadows.

The meeting was suspended to allow a member of the public to speak.

The resident raised a number of very serious complaints regarding anti social behaviour of children and youths in Walwyn Meadow and also illegal behaviours.

The meeting was reconvened

Do to the nature of the complaint IT WAS AGREED the Clerk would contact the CSO regarding these complaints so that the resident can raise these issues direct. Also, should it been considered appropriate by the CSO for a sign of "No ball Games" to be erected on the boundary fence, this will considered at the next Village Amenities meeting.

ii) Verbal "Thank you" from Mrs Stephenson of Walwyn Road for the tending of trees from Walwyn Meadows which were overhanging her property.

**9. Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting of the Village Amenities Committee will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017, at 7:30pm, in the Jean Simon Room at Colwall Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.22 p.m.

Chairman.....

Date.....