

VILLAGE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Village Amenities Committee of Colwall Parish Council held on Wednesday 13th April 2016 at 7.30pm in the Jean Simon Room, Colwall Village Hall.

Present:

Councillors: Beard (Chairman), Butler, Kendrick, Mills, Rees.

Co-opted member Freda Ballard and the Clerk.

1. Welcome and Apologies.

The Chairman Councillor Beard welcomed those present.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Carless and Rees.

The Chairman announced that D Fisher had tendered his resignation from the committee. The Committee accepted David's resignation and asked that the Clerk thank him for all his years service assisting the Parish Council in matters such as the creation of the Colwall Village Design Statement, the Landscape Character Statement (2012) as well as serving on the Village Amenities committee as a co-opted member for a significant number of years.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Councillor Beard declared a Non Pecuniary interest in Item 8 and did not vote on the item.

3. Minutes.

The minutes of Village Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 3rd February 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Progress Reports

i) S106 Monies – Covent Garden and Land Adjoining Brookmill Close for Play Equipment. Councillor Butler reported that the working party had met twice and reviewed options for new/replacement equipment at Orlin Road, Colwall Green and Walwyn Meadow.

The Clerk had obtained quotes from Wicksteed for a see-saw and swings which had been forwarded to the working party for information and further quotes are currently being obtained through the working party.

A further report will be made at the next committee meeting in June.

5. Amenities Budget.

i) Councillor Mills reported that the end of year accounts for the Amenities committee expenditure, are inline with the figures as at February.

ii) The tenders received for the Railway Gardens contract 2016/19 were considered and IT WAS RESOLVED that the tender from J Jackson be accepted by the Clerk. Clerk to advise the respective parties accordingly.

iii) Quote received for new trail boards in Nature Reserve to tie in with Interpretation Board. IT WAS RESOLVED that up to £750 be spent on new trail boards, as per the quote received from the Clerk, from S Roberts (who have undertaken the new Interpretation Board for the Nature Reserve) subject to The Clerk and Councillor Rees being happy with the quality of the new Interpretation Board.

6. Sites Overview.

Orlin Road Play Area (CE) – Swings have been decommissioned pending potential replacement thereof, all other equipment reported to be in good condition.

Access Issues - Councillors Mills and Kendrick agreed to visit the new occupiers of "Edgefield", Old Orchard Lane, to explain that the vehicular track needs to be kept clear at

all times for the Parish Councils' contractors to have access to Orlin Road Play Area for grass cutting and the maintenance of the play equipment.

War Memorial Gardens (GR) – Councillor Rees reported it to be in a good condition. Councillor Rees advised that one flower bed will be turfed over in the Spring, due to the poor condition of the soil and the lack of sunshine onto the flower bed.

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) – Erosion of the Green by traffic continues to be a problem; Clerk asked to flag with the Conservators and also remind them of the April cut. Thanks were extended to Councillor Kendrick for arranging to the bus shelter to be repainted by the WMYOS. The planters will be installed over the next few days and work will then turn to new planters for the bus shelter on the triangle of Old Church Road with the Walwyn Road.

Brookmill Play Area (PB) - Reported to be in good condition.

Aunt Alice (GR/JB) - Reported to be in good order.

Railway Gardens (the Clerk/GR) – Reported to be in good condition.

Nature Reserve - (GR) Reported to be in good condition.

7. Parish Notice Boards, Village Seats and Litter Bins.

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

Consideration to be given to a new Notice Board in the Orlin Road/Old Orchard Lane area.

ii) Village Seats and Litter Bins – all bins are in good condition and all seats were reported to be in good condition other than the seat on the Old Church Road. Brockhill Road triangle which the Clerk was to seek the repair thereof.

A quote for replacement timber has been obtained at £415.00. This excludes repairs to the metal work and time for the restoration thereof.

IT WAS AGREED the Clerk will undertake further investigation into the origins of the seat and how it originally looked (including the commemorative plaque). Committee members will view the existing seat and decide if they feel it should be repaired (subject to a quotation) or a new seat installed to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II's 90th Birthday.

iii) Offer of a replacement Notice Board for Colwall Green.

IT WAS AGREED Councillor Kendrick will obtain a quotation from the WMYOS for a direct replacement thereof in a suitable hardwood; Councillor Mills will keep the donor informed.

8. Footpaths

i) The Footpath Officer, Councillor Butler advised that there was nothing to report.

ii) Diversion of CW29 (Part) Colwall – official Diversion Order from Balfour Beatty. The committee received a report from Councillor Butler.

IT WAS RESOLVED that there were no objections or representations to make to the proposed.

9. Correspondence

None.

10. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Village Amenities Committee will be held on Wednesday 8th June 2016, at 7:30pm, in the Jean Simon Room at Colwall Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.56 p.m.

Chairman.....

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