

**VILLAGE AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Village Amenities Committee of Colwall Parish Council  
held on Wednesday 3rd December 2014 at 7.30pm in the Jean Simon Room, Colwall  
Village Hall.**

**Present:**

Councillors: Beard (Chairman), Ashton, Carless, Mills, Rees, Co-opted members Chris Englefield, David Fisher and Derek Rees.

**1. Welcome and Apologies.**

The Chairman Councillor Beard welcomed those present.

Apologies were received from Councillors Milne, Trafford-Roberts and co-opted member Freda Ballard.

**2. Declaration of Interests.**

None were declared.

**3. Minutes.**

The minutes of Village Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**4. Amenities Budget.**

i) A summary of the 2014/15 Amenities Committee's was not available but Councillor Mills confirmed that as at October the expenditure to date was in line with budget or that approved by the committee.

**5. Sites Overview.**

Orlin Road Play Area (CE) – The Clerk confirmed that the order for the repairs to the play equipment has been placed and is awaiting a date for the works to commence.

War Memorial Gardens (GR) – Councillor Rees reported that silk poppies were planted in the 4 troughs for the Memorial Service in November.

Allens Meadow (Clerk) – Reported to be in good condition.

Walwyn Meadow and Library Building (JB/GR) – Reported to be in good condition, Christmas lights and the Christmas Tree have be installed.

Colwall Green (GR/DF) – The Clerk has been asked to contact the Conservators regarding the parking of a vehicle from the school on the common on a daily basis, this action is contravening the bye law which prevents parking on Colwall Green.

The Conservators have confirmed via email to the Clerk, that they are intending to repair the wooden fencing, the committee pointed out that this needs to be in hard as opposed to soft wood as the last repair has lasted less than 4 years.

The Clerk is to invite the Director to the meeting in February to receive the Conservators proposals for the cutting of Colwall Green.

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

Aunt Alice – (GR/JB) Reported to be in good condition.

Railway Gardens (MM) – Reported to be in good condition.

Nature Reserve - (GR) The Clerk confirmed that the tree works would commence over the forthcoming weeks and quotations are awaited for the clearing of the pond and the construction of a sluice gate to trap the silt.

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

All Parish notice boards were reported to be in good order.

Village Seats and Litter Bins – all bins are in good condition and all seats were reported to be in good condition.

#### **7. Footpaths**

Derek Rees, the footpath officer reported the following:-

##### **Liaison with Herefordshire Council**

The Footpath officer reported that he has not had any direct contact with the Public Rights of Way Officer.

The Clerk advised that materials requested for repairs to stiles and signs has been ordered for S Maund to install.

##### **Current Status of Footpaths**

Foliage and mud are causing minor problems on most paths but there are no major problems. The contractor has continued with his clearing of the paths and no outstanding problems have been brought reported.

##### **Reports Received:**

There has been one report during this period, which said in late October the paths around Evendine Lane and its environs are muddy and have a great deal of standing water and obscured by leaves in some area, but they are generally satisfactory.

#### **8. Correspondence**

Email from Conservators - regarding repairing the railings. The committee wish it to be noted that this has been outstanding now for almost a year and is the subject of numerous complaints to the Clerk regarding the “shabby appearance” it causes the Village. The Clerk reported that communication with the Conservators has deteriorated during the last couple of years and is very fragmented, she frequently has to chase for actions to be taken, which is frustrating. Councillor Rees to feedback via the Malvern Hills Conservators at the Land Management Committee.

#### **9. Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting of the Village Amenities Committee will be held on Wednesday 4th February 2015, at 7:30pm, in the Jean Simon Room at Colwall Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.

Chairman.....

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