

VILLAGE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Village Amenities Committee of Colwall Parish Council held on Wednesday 3rd June 2015 at 7.30pm in the Jean Simon Room, Colwall Village Hall.

Present:

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

Co-opted members Freda Ballard, Chris Englefield, David Fisher and Derek Rees and the Clerk.

1. Welcome and Apologies.

The Chairman Councillor Beard welcomed those present.

No Apologies were received.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Freda Ballard, Chris Englefield, David Fisher and Derek Rees be invited to be co-opted into the Village Amenities committee for the 2015/16 municipal year.

2. Declaration of Interests.

None were declared.

3. Minutes.

The minutes of Village Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 4th February 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Amenities Budget.

i) A summary of the 2015/16 Amenities Committee's year to date accounts will be circulated for the next meeting; Councillors Mills confirmed expenditure is in line with Budget.

5. Sites Overview.

Orlin Road Play Area (CE) – Reported to be in good condition following the completion of the repairs to the play equipment.

War Memorial Gardens (GR) – Councillor Rees reported poppy seeds would be planted in the troughs to replace those eaten by nature.

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

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

Colwall Green (GR/DF) – Concerns were raised about the erosion of the Green by cars parking on the grass, the removal of the Malvern stone rocks and that some of the grass cutting close to school has been left unkempt. IT WAS AGREED Councillor Rees would take up with the Conservators and discussed at a forthcoming site meeting to be arranged by Councillor Rees.

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

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

Railway Gardens – Reported to be in good condition.

Nature Reserve - (GR) Reported to be in good condition with visitors enjoying the benefit of the pond being cleared.

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.

IT WAS REQUESTED that the Clerk arrange for the foliage to be cleared from the seat at the top of Evendine Lane.

7. Footpaths

Derek Rees, the footpath officer reported the following:-

Liaison with Herefordshire Council

At long last I have been able to meet the Public Rights of Way (PROW) Warden for our area. He can be described as ‘a breath of fresh air’! Although it was only a short visit, we were able to sort out a few matters and I was given some long awaited waymarkers needed to replace our badly faded ones.

Current Status of Footpaths

There have been no volunteer reports during this period.

I believe the paths are generally in good condition.

CW2: In the reasonably dry weather the path is passable but efforts are being made to locate the offending horse riders. Even if identified there is not a great deal that can be done to stop riders continuing to use the path in the absence of someone ‘policing’ the area.

CW24A: The redundant diversion notice on a kissing gate along CW24A is to be removed by me. The landowner, over whose land CW24A passes, is to be contacted to clear the crops currently blocking the footpath.

CW29/CW29B: The Parish Council decided to object to the proposed diversion. As a result of this a PROW officer has to be involved in any negotiations or discussions. I am unaware of any contact with the applicant by PROW personnel.

CW30: The P3 contractor has been asked to clear 2 fallen trees along this path. The description given of the problem is rather vague and since footpath is one of the longest paths (Old Church Road to Jubilee Drive) and crosses a number of roads it may take time to locate the problem area.

CW32: A stile on CW32 is to be replaced by the Parish P3 Contractor, after delivery of materials from the PROW stores.

CW52: After my meeting with the PROW Warden, he inspected the unauthorised diversion along this footpath. After his discussion with the PROW Manager, Will Steel, it was decided not to take any enforcement action against the landowner. The landowner has been informed that, over a period of time, he must reinstate the path.

9. Correspondence

Thank you letter for the repair to the play equipment at Orlin Road Play Area

10. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Village Amenities Committee will be held on Wednesday 5th August 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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