

VILLAGE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Village Amenities Committee of Colwall Parish Council held on Wednesday 5th April 2017 at 7.30pm in the Jean Simon Room, Colwall Village Hall.

Present:

Councillors: Councillors: Allen, Beard (Chairman), Butler, Carless, Cottam, Haynes, James, Kendrick, Rees, Stock, Taylor, Trafford-Roberts, co-opted member Freda Ballard and the Clerk.

1. Welcome and Apologies.

The Chairman Councillor Beard welcomed those present.

No Apologies were received.

Non committee members Councillors Allen, Cottam, Haynes, Stock, and Taylor did not vote on any of the matters discussed.

Councillor Beard advised the committee he would not be standing for re-election as Chairman at the Annual Meeting in May 2017.

The Vice-Chairman Councillor Rees thanked him on behalf of the committee for all his work and dedication during the last 8 years; much has been achieved under his stewardship.

2. Declaration of Interests.

None were declared.

3. Minutes.

The minutes of Village Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 1st February 2017 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 not available, however, the Clerk confirmed expenditure is in line with Budget with the exception of: the 2 items highlighted in the 5th 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.

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 reported that subject to replanting 2 borders the gardens are in good order.

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 requested that the Lengthsman remove said debris.

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. The shrubs on the left hand side of the platform have now been pruned and are looking well.

The Clerk reported that the GWR seat on the platform had been vandalised, London Midland engineers have attended the scene; they have decommissioned the seat and removed the broken seat plank, which will be repaired and reinstated during the next 2 weeks.

Nature Reserve (GR) The reserve is in good condition, the new interpretation trail boards have been repaired and reinstated and the shrubs at the entrance have been cut back making the entrance visually much more inviting and easier to see into the Reserve.

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

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

The Clerk thanked Councillor Kendrick for organising the new Notice Board which has now been installed at Colwall Green.

ii) Village Seats and Parish Litter bins were all reported to be in good order (other than that reported in (5) above.

7. Footpaths

i) The Footpath Officer, Councillor Butler advised that there was nothing of issue to report. A new footpath walker volunteer, Martin Blamire, has been busy canvassing some other interested parties.

8. Correspondence

i) Request for new dog waste bin – Station Road, Colwall

IT WAS AGREED that the clerk order a Dog Waster Bin from Glasdon at a cost of £86.52 excluding VAT.

ii) Request for the repair of CW 10

The Clerk reported that she had met with the Village Maintenance Contractor.

The undergrowth, which is encroaching, will be cut back,

the shrubs have been cutback and the debris removed,

and localised repairs to raise the ground where the raised tree root and the raised manhole cover are will be undertaken during the next 3-4 weeks.

iii) Request for shrubs along the perimeter of The Telephone Exchange and Walwyn Meadow Play Area

IT WAS AGREED the Clerk could arrange for the purchase and planting of indigenous, non prickly shrubs up to the value of £150.00.

9. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Village Amenities Committee will be held on Wednesday 7th April 2017, 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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