

Tidenham Parish Council

Amenities Committee 2016/2017

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Minutes of an Amenities Committee Meeting held on 10th May 2017 at 7.00pm at Tidenham War Memorial Hall.

Present: Councillors: R. Duff (Chairman), S. Gregory, S. Bollen, N. Evans,
J Powell, H. Molyneux.
Administrative Assistant: K. Duffin (Minutes).

1. APOLOGIES

- a. **To receive** apologies for absence from those councillors unable to attend.
Apology received from Cllr N. Bullivant.
- b. **To consider** for acceptance those apologies received with reasons for absence.
Resolved to accept apologies from Cllr Bullivant.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. **To receive Declarations of Interest** in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers and in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members.
Interests may be declared at any time during the meeting should they become apparent.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. **To consider** for approval as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2017.
Resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.
- b. **To consider** matters arising from those minutes.
None raised.

4. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

- a. **To receive and consider any questions from the Public**, which may be answered but not debated.
None present.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS REPORT

- a. **To report** on the Amenities budgets for April 2017.
The administrative Assistant presented the closing budget monitoring report for 2016-2017 and the first report for 2017-2018 (April).
- b. **To report** play areas.
The outstanding play area repairs, safety floor repairs and moss removal, are weather dependant and scheduled to be carried out before the end of May.
- c. **To report** on the site clearance work at the Skate Park (allotments) and SBVH.
The final weed spraying and grass seeding are now complete at both sites.
- d. **To report** on the availability of the ATM cash machine outside the Spar shop.
The Spar shop will not entertain a second ATM machine. The Army camp has a machine available Mondays to Fridays. However, the machine at the Spar shop has been improved and it seems is more reliable. We will monitor the situation.

- e. **To report** on recent churchyard inspection.
Cllr Duff and the Administrative Assistant did a tour of the churchyards and play areas and produced a list of running repairs. Quotes will be obtained and presented at the next meeting.
- f. **To report** on the exercise equipment in Wyebank Road.
The label on the wheelchair version of the pedal machine has been corrected.
The Administration Assistant has requested GCC Highways to arrange to drop the kerb and provide a paved area for wheelchair access but budgets are tight and they advised contacting the District or County Councillors for special funding, which we have done.
- g. **To report** on the re-siting of the dog & waste bins in Beachley Road.
Users of the bins have to get through long grass to reach them and when the grass is wet some don't bother. The Administrative Assistant will obtain a quote to move the dog bin and ask the District Council to move the waste bin.

6. TO CONSIDER CHURCHYARD WORKS AND ISSUES

- a. None

7. TO CONSIDER PLAY AREA ISSUES

- a. **To consider** Cllr Duff's proposal that the committee should review its play assets for younger children to see if they are adequate.
Resolved that the committee will consider the issue, look at canvassing the opinion of users, and re-present the agenda item at a future meeting.

8. TO CONSIDER OPEN SPACE ISSUES

- a. **To consider** a quote from Greenfields for fence repair @ **£222 +Vat**.
Resolved to accept the quote and schedule the works.
- b. **To consider** quote from Greenfields for fence replacement including all options @ **£8559 +Vat**.
Resolved to reject the quote at this time in favour of looking at the possibility of 'laying' the hedge. The Administrative Assistant will look at offering the site as a training venue for hedge laying courses or otherwise obtain a commercial quote.

9. TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a. None

10. TO RECEIVE COUNCELLOR'S LOCAL REPORTS AND MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- a. Cllr Gregory reported that the Castleford Hill care home is again emitting bad sewage smells. The Administrative Assistant will contact Environmental Health.
- b. Cllr Bollen has received reports that a local resident is exercising his dogs each morning at the Skate Park/football field and not clearing up the dog faeces. The Administrative Assistant will make a report to the street warden.
- c. Cllr Bollen has received a report that youngsters are climbing onto the shed near the boundary fence of the Skate Park and the allotments. The Administrative Assistant will report the matter to the police.
- d. Cllr Bollen asked about the pile of rubbish near the north wall of St Luke's church. The Administrative Assistant will contact the church. There was going to be a volunteer group to dispose of the mess.
- e. Cllr Powell asked that Highways be reminded that the two metal uprights exposed when the street sign was vandalised remain a danger to the public. The Administrative Assistant will contact Highways to re-enforce the danger aspect.

11. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

- a. Next meeting 12th July 2017

There being no other business the meeting concluded at 8.25 p.m.