

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on 8th May, 2024 at 7.00pm at Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall, King Alfred's Road, Sedbury.

Present: Councillors: Bollen, Koning, Stead, Swambo (chairman) and Tullett.
Officers: D Stevens (Assistant Clerk).

1. ATTENDANCE

- a. **Resolved to receive** apologies for absence from those councillors unable to attend, from Councillors Russell and Wall.
- b. **Resolved to accept** those apologies received with reasons for absence, from Councillor Russell and Wall.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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. None received.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. **Resolved to approve** as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 13th March.
- b. **Resolved to consider** any matters arising from those minutes. There were none.

4. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

There were no members of the public present.

5. ASSISTANT CLERK'S REPORT

- a. **Resolved to accept** the Amenities budget sheets.
- b. **Resolved to note** the three chat benches have been delivered and awaiting collection by GCC Highways for installation.
- c. **Resolved to note** the closed churchyard wall survey was completed on 26th March and the survey report has been received and distributed to Councillors.
- d. **Resolved to note** the gates and fences that surround the playing field behind the Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall have been repaired.
- e. **Resolved to note** the climbing net on the climber equipment at the Tutshill recreation ground has been repaired at a cost of £40 + Vat.

6. TO CONSIDER CHURCHYARD WORKS AND ISSUES

Resolved to note the 2024 Churchyard Wall Survey report. Councillors considered the report and proposed a walk round with the church warden be arranged to further consider the suggested repair work, including clearing overgrown vegetation, that will need to be quoted and paid for by the Council.

7. TO CONSIDER OPEN SPACE ISSUES

Resolved to accept quote to replace and fix guttering at the Tutshill WI Book Swap (Memorial Hall bus shelter). Councillor Koning advised there was also a missing tile from the roof of the bus stop, the Assistant Clerk to ask Antony Roch to investigate.

- i. Anthony Roch. £92.28 no Vat.

8. TO CONSIDER PLAYGROUND ISSUES

- a. To consider the repair of the agility trail equipment at Tutshill Recreation Ground play area. The original quotation to repair the loose uprights was considered in November and the additional repair work was considered January. Updated quotations have been sought from two contractors. Councillors agreed to make safe the agility trail and consider any further work or replacement as part

of the Play Equipment Working Group review, the first meeting to be held before the next Amenities Committee Meeting.

- i. **Resolved to accept** Greenfields Garden Services Ltd. Quote to repair the loose and wobbly uprights. £385.10 + Vat = £462.12.
- ii. **Resolved not to accept** Greenfields Garden Services Ltd. Quote for repair work identified in the annual inspection. £1,937 + Vat = £2,324.40.
- iii. **Resolved not to accept** WN Garden Services Ltd. Quote for replacement of agility trail. £10,540 + Vat = £12,648.

- b. **Resolved to note** the Play Equipment Working Group are having discussions with regards the various play areas in the parish and have been in contact with Two Rivers Housing (registered land owners of some playgrounds) and the Wildlife Trust. It was noted that the former community garden and suggestion for a bike track be considered, together with the play equipment, as a joint project. Councillors proposed a kick off meeting to be held in May.

9. TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

There were none.

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

Cllr. Koning – asked if new wildflower signs have been put up to avoid further mowing of the area. The Assist Clerk advised that Monmouthshire County Council (grass cutting contractors) have been made aware of the trial Wildflower section on Wyebank Road and not to mow this area, they have also agreed to provide some of their Bee signs to mark the area.

Cllr. Swambo – Given the feedback on the success of the Wildflower trial on Wyebank Road, Councillor Swambo asked if the extension of the trial area to the full Wyebank Road grass area be considered at the next Amenities Committee meeting.

11. RESOLVED TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Next meeting 10th July, 2024.

The meeting closed at 19:39 hours.