

MINUTES OF MEETING OF AMENITIES SUB-COMMITTEE
25 November 2020
HELD VIRTUALLY USING ZOOM.APP
14:00

Chairman: Cllr Rand (Chair)
Present: Councillors Mr P Hurst, Mr A Watson, Mrs S Cooper
In attendance: Katy Poulson (14:15-15:00)
Clerk: Amy White

1. Welcome and apologies

Cllr Rand welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. To Agree Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 21/10/2020 were agreed but not signed by the Chairman, Cllr Rand due to Covid restrictions.

4. Actions from previous Meeting

Item Number	Action	Owner
7. 21/10/20	Clerk to send biodiversity report to PC before meeting on 26/10. Actioned	Clerk
6. 17/09/20	Cllr Rand to action feedback from BDBC re policies to add to website. Action given to Clerk, move to Jan meeting	Clerk

5. Parish Field

- a) Katy Poulson, of Poulson Plant Hire joined the meeting to answer questions from the committee regarding the proposed path across the parish field.
- Q: How long will it take to build the path?
 - A: 2-3 weeks max

 - Q: Will the path support a tractor going over it when mowing the field?
 - A: Yes, these paths are used in agricultural area and fully support the weight of a tractor

 - Q: Can Poulsons also help with the issue of flooding at Brownies Corner?
 - A: Yes- they will quote for supplying and laying piping into the ground to carry excess water from Church Road to the ditch on Woolton Hill Road.

 - Q: Will we need a new gate at both ends?

- A: Yes- the gate by the doctor's surgery is broken anyway and due for replacement. The kissing gate on Church road will also need to be replaced to make both ends wheelchair/buggy accessible.
- Q – will the path be ok for wheelchair use?
- A – yes and the path will be 1.5m is wide
- Q – will the path be useable when after rainfall?
- A – Yes, the path has a slight camber and is porous.
- Q – during construction will Poulsons minimise any biodiversity impact on the rest of the field?
- A – Yes the team will work to minimise impact

Poulsons confirmed the field will need to be shut during the period of construction. Poulsons have also sent a link to some gates they can supply.

Action: Cllr Watson to confirm gates for use at both ends of Parish Field.

b) Metal detecting update:

Richard Wyatt came on 02 November to assess the suitability of the field before the full metal detection. He thinks it will be suitable and hopefully provide some interesting artefacts. Due to covid restrictions this has now been pushed to the New Year.

c) Tree Pruning

The Clerk confirmed the oak tree on the edge of the Parish Field has been pruned by Greentips.

6. Footpaths

There is no update since the last meeting other than a pro forma letter which Cllrs Watson and Hainge will produce to send to landowners inviting them to change their stiles for kissing gates, which will be paid for by EWPC as a continued support of rural access for all.

Action: Cllr Rand, on behalf of EWS will ask Walking for Health for suggestions of stiles to replace.

7. S106 update

Nothing to report from last meeting.

8. LIF request for Parish Field

No update but Cllr Rand will pass the policies for updating to the Clerk.

9. To decide on next steps for Parish annual maintenance agreement 2021/2022

The annual maintenance contract is up for renewal in April. Currently Premier Grounds are completing the contract for 20/21 but the committee agreed it was prudent to tender the contract for 21/22.

Action: Clerk to advertise the maintenance required for the Parish in Spectrum, January issue.
To report back at January meeting.

Actions:

- ⇒ Cllr Watson to confirm gates for use at both ends of Parish Field.
- ⇒ Cllr Rand to send the Clerk the policies required for the LIF application for the Clerk to amalgamate and add to the website.
- ⇒ Clerk to advertise the maintenance required for the Parish in Spectrum, January issue.
To report back at January meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 13th January 2020 @14:00