

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF AMENITIES SUB-COMMITTEE**  
**18 May 2021**  
**14:30, Woolton Hill Church Hall**

**Chairman:** Cllr Rand (Chair)  
**Present:** Councillors Mr P Hurst, Mr A Watson, Mrs S Cooper  
**Clerk:** Amy White

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**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 20/04/21 were agreed but not signed by the Chairman, Cllr Rand due to Covid restrictions.

**4. Actions from previous Meeting**

Date	Action
17/09/20	Cllr Rand to action feedback from BDBC re policies to add to website. <b>Action given to Clerk, move to May meeting</b>
20/04/21	<b>Clerk</b> to obtain quote for clearing silt from M3 manhole in Brownies Corner: <b>Actioned</b> - Premier Grounds are coming on 20/05/21 to assess the significance.
20/04/21	Cllr <b>Rand</b> to contact Jonathan Ashby from Newbury Weekly News with the timing of the formal opening of the parish field. <b>Actioned</b> .
20/04/21	<b>Clerk</b> to advertise time and date of path opening on Facebook and website. <b>Actioned</b> .
20/04/21	Cllr <b>Watson</b> will create wording for the new signs at the end of the field. <b>Not actioned</b> ; move to June meeting.
20/04/21	Cllr <b>Watson</b> will assist with writing a statement regarding EWPC's vision of the future of the parish field. <b>Actioned</b> . See statements placed on website and Facebook.
20/04/21	Cllr <b>Rand</b> to obtain quote for new benches. <b>Not actioned</b> . Move to June meeting

**5. Parish Field**

**a. Permissive Path**

Cllr Rand has taken pictures of the path during the recent heavy rain. There was water flowing over the top of the path, near to Brownies Corner; the soil is clay-based so it very slow to absorb. However, it was still passable and this water had gone by the following morning. In the middle of the field, where there has always been flooding, the path coped really well; there was a small area towards the middle of the field where the water puddled but the path was walkable end to end. Overall the committee was really pleased with the path and to see people using it, even in the heavy rain, is lovely to see.

Cllr Rand has also monitored the effectiveness of the newly laid pipe to take away run off water around Brownies Corner; this worked well during the heavy rain and there was no flooding.

**b. Parish Field information document**

This has been published on the website and Facebook.

**6. Footpaths**

Cllr Watson explained how John Priest (currently assisting with the creation of the Neighbourhood Plan) will be able to help create a list of high-quality pictures and maps of stiles etc to assist with a database of the footpaths in EW. He will create a picture/map for one footpath as a start. The committee will look to the full council meeting on 24/05 to get approval for this.

**7. Recreation Ground update on boundary fence**

Cllr Rand will investigate whether the fence along the boundary of the recreation field and Glebe field has been installed. The tree stump at Wellbrook House has been removed.

**8. S106 play project update**

Boules Court: Cllr Rand has 3 quotes for a 9x12m, three-lane court. Cllr Rand will speak to contractors re the budget and for more detail on the work involved for reconsideration at the next meeting.

Gym equipment: Cllr Rand has already agreed to proceed with Great Outdoor Company for the installation of the agreed gym equipment once the final agreement from BDBC S106 managers is received.

**9. Items for next meeting**

Standard items.

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**Next Full Amenities Meeting:  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June @14:30, WHCH**