



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF AMENITIES COMMITTEE**  
**21 May 2024**  
**10:00, Woolton Hill Church Hall**

**Chairman:** Cllr Rand (Chair)  
**Present:** Cllr Cooper, Cllr Hurst, Cllr Blakeway, Cllr Roots  
**Clerk:** Amy White

**1. Welcome and apologies**

None.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**3. To Agree Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 April 2024 were agreed and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Rand.

**4. To update on actions from previous meeting**

- **Action:** Cllr Rand to contact HCC Ranger to discuss improving the path with additional material- **Actioned**- see item 7.
- **Action:** Clerk to contact BDBC inspection team to find out their new recommendation for playground repairers- **Actioned**- see item 5.
- **Action:** Clerk to respond to enquiry for boules court. **Actioned**.
- **Action:** Cllr Rand to write a piece for Spectrum on the CCTV improvement. **Move to June deadline for Spectrum**.
- **Action:** The Amenities committee's (Cllr Rand) report for the Annual Parish Meeting should highlight that biodiversity and CPRE liaison will now be a key priority for the PC- **Actioned**.
- **Action:** Clerk to subscribe to CPRE and confirm at full council- **Actioned**
- **Action:** Clerk to put Cllr Blakeway's request for volunteers to clear brambles and Himalayan balsam by the Boardwalk on to Facebook and the website- **Actioned**
- **Action:** Clerk to follow up on a monthly basis with Scofell on what jobs have been completed. **Actioned** see item 10.

**5. Recreation Grounds update**

Cllr Rand and the Clerk met with Chris and Tom who have taken over from Dick Randall. They work with BDBC to install and maintain BDBC-owned play equipment. The S106 monies for goal mouth improvements and rocking equipment for the playground was

discussed. Chris and Tom will provide quotes for both sourcing and installing the equipment.

Cllr Rand will ask the S106 contacts at BDBC whether EWPC can get the quotes just from Tom and Chris, being preferred suppliers and installers for BDBC, rather than obtaining three quotes.

Cllr Rand and the Clerk have both had a conversation with Scofell- the grass in both recs has not been cut every two weeks in Spring due to heavy rainfall. Scofell have agreed to send a report every time they come out and generally improve communication.

Scofell have since offered to do the weedkilling on the parish field path, originally quoted for £100, for free as a gesture of goodwill. The committee agreed to this offer. Cllr Rand will ask if they can also spray the boules court.

**Action:** Clerk to accept free offer from Scofell for weedkilling in parish field.

## 6. Parish field and biodiversity update

It was agreed to set up a working group to define the biodiversity and maintenance of the parish field and Meadowbrook in the short, medium and long term. The group will consist of Cllr Roots, Cllr Cooper, Cllr Hurst and potentially some members of the public.

The hay bales have been removed.

Cllr Rand has emailed Corinne Davis-Cooke, our Hampshire Ranger, about the parish field path structure and potential alternative materials. She has sent a spec of a recommended material, but not on how to repair an existing path. Cllr Rand will contact the National Trust.

**Action:** Cllr Rand to contact the National Trust on material recommendations for path repair.

The Clerk has received some communication from a parish field resident on the recent activity in the field. It was decided that email exchange between the resident and the clerk was sufficient.

## 7. Footpaths

A new self closing gate has been installed on FP22 by the Hampshire Ranger, and one will be installed on FP21. The cost of the gate is £1039 which HCC can cover but will require match funding for the grant scheme that the gate will be purchased through. The committee agreed to contribute **£100** to the match funding.

**Action:** Clerk to confirm £100 match funding for the gate for FP22.

Cllr Blakeway has met with the new path wardens; they walk the footpaths and liaise with Hampshire about any issues identified. The path wardens can also do tasks on behalf of the parish council. The Clerk has therefore increased the insurance cover for the parish council to cover any volunteers.

It was noted that reporting issues on footpaths is not easy- the hants.gov.uk website is clunky and slow. Currently Cllr Blakeway is content to report issues online that are reported to him.

The working party for the boardwalk clearing will meet on 25<sup>th</sup> May to pull out Himalayan Balsam.

**8. Meadowbrook**

No further update on land transfer.

**9. ASB on EWPC property**

The Clerk has received numerous reports on ASB in Meadowbrook. The CSPO, Drew Mechen has been informed but no response received. The Clerk has also contacted the PCSO, Simon Denton but not heard anything.

**Action:** Clerk to call Simon Denton and report incidents to Cllr John Izett at BDBC to see if he can encourage further action.

**10. General Maintenance**

A loose fence post at Meadowbrook has been reported to the Clerk. This is not EWPC responsibility, it is Bloor Homes. The Clerk will respond.

There is an exposed manhole cover at Brownies Corner- this is being reported to HCC by Cllr Dick.

The information lectern has been replaced at WH recreation ground by the Lengthsman.

**11. Items to take to next meeting**

Usual items.

**Next meeting 10am, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Actions from 21 May meeting**

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