

MINUTES OF MEETING OF AMENITIES SUB-COMMITTEE
26 August 2021
10:30, Woolton Hill Church Hall

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

1. Welcome and apologies

Cllr Rand welcomed everyone to the meeting. Cllr Watson gave his apologies that were accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. To Agree Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 22/07/21 were agreed and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Rand.

4. Actions from previous Meeting

Date	Action
20/04/21	Cllr Watson will create wording for the new signs at the end of the field. Not actioned ; move to September meeting.
20/04/21	Cllr Rand to obtain quote for new benches. Not actioned . Move to September meeting. Ideas for new ideas for benches across the Parish will be asked for in Spectrum and Facebook.
22/07/21	Clerk to find out when grass cuttings occur and what HCC is scheduled to cut. Actioned but waiting on reply from HCC.
22/07/21	Clerk to enquire with Zurich Insurance what reports are needed for trees to ensure compliance with insurance. Actioned : Needs ARB approved contractors, Trustmark Registers Tree Care Companies or ISA certified Arborists. The Clerk has asked Greentips and Scofell if they have these. Scofell do not. Add to schedule of works.
22/07/21	Cllr Rand will write the recommendation for CE Groundworks to be the contractor for the boules court for the PC meeting on 26/07. Actioned - see item 7.
22/07/21	Parish Field: Cllr Rand will purchase grease and find closure options. Actioned . See item 8.
22/07/21	Clerk to ask Scofell regarding ecologically sound weed prevention on the actual path. Actioned - Scofell do not have a licence for weed spraying but Premier Grounds will do it.
22/07/21	Clerk to research a noticeboard feature at Brownies Corner end. Not actioned . Move to September meeting.

5. Footpath Update

- **Project to map stiles and footpaths**

Due to Cllr Watson's absence, he will update the committee on 20/09.

6. Recreation Ground update

Cllr Hurst congratulated Cllr Rand on getting the approval for the S106 monies to spend on recreation facilities.

7. Playground inspection update

The Clerk has contacted 3 companies to quote for repairs in the playground. Wicksteed (the original installers) and Playground Services have responded. Both can only inspect the playground in September due to contractor issues. The Clerk will write a note for both schools and for the playground entrance warning of the bare areas of ground. All equipment was checked by Premier Grounds in July and was found to be sound.

Action: The Clerk will write on Facebook about BDBC doing playground inspections.

8. S106 Playground facilities

Cllr Rand has the approval from Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council for the installation of gym equipment, a boules piste, table tennis and benches. This has been made possible following the allocation of S106 money which has been specified as being allocated for 'Play' use within the Woolton Hill Recreation Ground.

He has written to both CE Groundworks to install the boules court and The Great Outdoor Gym Company to confirm the equipment. Likely installation date is mid to late October. BDBC will be used for ongoing maintenance of equipment.

9. Parish Field- path and gate update

Cllr Rand has used a white lithium grease on the squeaky gate at the Doctors' Surgery end which has improved the sounds greatly. Cllr Rand will add some rubber bands to the catch to try and quieten the noise when it closes.

Cllr Rand has asked Poulsons regarding snagging: there is some terram membrane showing through, and at both ends the path needs packing down to improve access for wheelchair users and buggies. There is potential need for drainage pipes to help remove standing water along the field. It was decided to wait to mark out exactly where the pipes need to be- this will be after heavy rainfall when the water levels will be clear.

Regarding improving and increasing the biodiversity of the field, it was decided the next steps are to have a team (some volunteers have already identified themselves). The project will be scoped and the plan will be communicated.

Action: Cllr Rand will contact the volunteers (Cllr Cooper will join) and contact St Thomas' Infant School to see if an adult wishes to represent the school's interest in the parish field biodiversity project.

10. Meadowbrook:

Bloor Homes have agreed the area to be handed to EWPC. This has been formally passed to BDBC. BDBC will then put this to the cabinet for approval. Cllr Hurst has written to BDBC that EWPC will commit to the responsibility of land ownership.

11. General maintenance

Scofell have cut the hedges in the playground and car park.

The Clerk has written to Mr Porter who owns the ransom strip land alongside junior school to the edge of Mount Road, asking again for the hedges and trees to be cut back.
The Clerk will ask HALC for legal advice regarding hedges and passing the costs on to landowners who do not cut their hedges.

12. Items for next meeting

Standard items to now include:

- Biodiversity
- Meadowbrook

Actions

- Clerk to write piece for Spectrum, including asking for ideas for placing benches.
- Cllr Rand will contact the volunteers (Cllr Cooper will join) and contact St Thomas' Infant School to see if an adult wishes to represent the school's interest in the field project.
- The Clerk will ask HALC for legal advice regarding hedge cutting responsibilities.

**Next Full Amenities Meeting:
Monday 20th September @10:30, WHCH**