



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF AMENITIES COMMITTEE**  
**22 July 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 24 June 2024 were agreed and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Rand.

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

- **Action:** Cllr Rand to write a piece for Spectrum on the CCTV improvement- **Actioned** (Clerk to add to Facebook).
- **Action:** Cllr Rand to try other options and contacts for parish field path material- **In Action**- Cllr Rand has one more option to contact JB Groundcare.
- **Action:** Clerk to contact two more companies for quotes for S106 spend in recreation ground- **In Action**- quotes have not yet been received from Streetscape and Sutcliffe Play. See item 5.
- **Action:** Clerk to tape off the two triangle areas of wildflower seed so that it is not cut before flowers have seeded- **Actioned**
- **Action:** Clerk to initiate tree survey for EW- **In Action**- Clerk waiting for quotes from two companies.

**5. Recreation Grounds update**

The Clerk has contact two more companies for quotes required for the S106 spend in recreation ground- Sutcliffe Play and Streetscapes. Awaiting quotes from both. Once three quotes have been received, Cllr Rand will send these to BDBC and the Amenities Committee will decide the most appropriate contractor.

**6. Parish field and biodiversity update**

Cllr Roots updated the committee on the Amenities working group's legal document which is being sent to full council for approval on 22 July 2024.

Committee agreed to trial more seed scattering this autumn due to the success of yellow rattle currently growing in the current trial areas. Committee will consider engaging with the infant/junior school for scattering seeds.

**Action:** Cllr Roots will phone the company the seeds were purchased from initially to discuss which seeds will be most appropriate. Clerk will make the purchase once confirmed.

Two trees have failed in the field since planting in February. Penwood nurseries will supply two more trees and Scofell are lined up to plant in late October/early November.

## **7. Footpaths**

Cllr Blakeway has cut down some foliage along the boardwalk. One of the footpath wardens will trim along the boardwalk to remove nettles.

A tree has fallen along footpath 076/20/1 at Park Copse.

**Action:** Clerk will contact the landowner to ask for footpath 076/20/1 to be cleared.

## **8. ASB on EWPC property**

None to report.

## **9. Finance**

County Councillor grants are available, committee agreed to ask for a grant to cover the cost of wildflower seeds and the replanting of the trees, as per item 6.

**Action:** Clerk to apply for county councillor grant for wildflower seeds and tree replanting.

Budget: The initial budget for 2024/25 had £10000 set for the Annual Maintenance Agreement with Scofell; the actual cost is £10400.

The miscellaneous maintenance budget for 2024/25 was agreed £6000. The committee will therefore reduce this to £5600; and add the £400 to cover the Annual Maintenance Agreement cost. It is likely some of the miscellaneous maintenance budget will be used for the tree survey and any associated remedial action.

## **10. Land at Woolton Hill, back of Abbey Wells**

The Clerk has been made aware of an area of land, owned by HCC, up for annual tenancy. Information can be found here: <https://documents.hants.gov.uk/county-farms/woolton-hill-grazing-advert.pdf>

**Action:** Clerk to find out further information on Land at Woolton Hill from Hampshire Estate Team and report back to Amenities Committee.

## **11. General Maintenance**

East End phone box: A request has been made by a resident as to whether the East End phone box can be painted. It was agreed to allow the resident to contact the owner of the house where the phone box is sited next to, and ask if they were willing to repaint it, as they have done in the past.

## **12. Items to take to next meeting**

Communication and social media.

**Next meeting 09:30am, 20 August 202**

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