



MINUTES OF MEETING OF AMENITIES COMMITTEE
30 October 2023
10:00, Woolton Hill Church Hall

Chairman: Cllr Rand (Chair)
Present: Cllr Cooper, Cllr Hurst
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 18 September 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Rand.

4. Actions from Previous Meeting

Date	Action
18/9/23	<p>Quotes: Clerk to ask Scofell to add an extra spray/clean of WH tennis court: In action, waiting for Scofell to confirm. Clerk to get one more quote for the fencing at WH car park. Actioned: Clerk has obtained another quote for £3532 from a local contractor. <i>Further action: Clerk to agree in principal with local contractor.</i></p> <p>Clerk to get a further quote for the parish field gates: Actioned: Scofell quote was revisited at the meeting and it was decided that it was reasonable. <i>Clerk will confirm the quote with Scofell.</i></p> <p>Cllr Roots to ask Penwood Nurseries if they would provide a quote for planting. Actioned: See item 7.</p> <p>Recommendations and total potential spend will be sent to Finance Committee for consideration in the 24/25 budget. Actioned: See item 10.</p> <p>Biodiversity</p>

	<p>Clerk to purchase 1kg of wildflower seed mix for £160 https://www.wildflower.co.uk/products/wildflower-seed-mixtures/100-wildflower-seed-mixtures/lwre-restore-enrich-100.html Actioned.</p> <p>Clerk to ask for councillor volunteers at full council meeting on 25/09 for raking and scattering seed in the parish field. Actioned.</p> <p>General Maintenance</p> <p>Clerk to ask Scofell to cut the hedges and add to the maintenance contract. Actioned.</p>
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5. Recreation Grounds update

The train play equipment in the playground has been repaired, along with other identified repairs from the BDBC playground inspector, at a total cost of £4700.

6. Parish field update- *Outcome of strimming small length of path to increase width*

Two small areas of the field have been raked and sown with wildflowers as agreed. Cllr Rand has strimmed a small section of the path to expose the original width of the path and highlight where it has overgrown. It was agreed this has been effective but the whole length needs completing, prior to using weedkiller along the whole length of the path. EWPC has a trained volunteer strimmer who might be able to complete the strimming required.

Action: Clerk to ask the EWPC strimmer volunteer to strim a further section of the parish field path.

Hay bales on the field- the committee is concerned about the health and safety risk of the bales still in the field.

Action: Clerk to ask tenant to get the bales removed ASAP.

7. Biodiversity project update from seed sowing on 29 October 2023

Cllr Roots has discussed a quote for 5 x tree planting with Penwood Nurseries and will set out her recommendations, with identified trees, to the committee for the next meeting.

Cllr Rand has identified and applied for information for a grant offered from the Hampshire Forest Partnership. Once the information is clear on whether the identified trees for the field would be covered in the grant, Cllr Roots and Rand will apply for the grant.

Communication with the parish on the biodiversity plan was discussed: Cllr Rand will have a discussion with Catherine Daly (BDBC) on the choice and placement of trees within the existing landscape of the field, in order to preserve the key views in the Neighbourhood Plan, and will report back to the committee.

Actions:

Cllr Roots and Cllr Rand to walk the field to confirm tree locations.

Cllr Roots to set out reasons for tree choices for parish field for communication to the parish.

Cllr Rand to contact Catherine Daly at BDBC to discuss trees in the landscape.

Cllr Rand will write up a communication to share with the committee prior to wider circulation.

8. Meadowbrook

No update on land transfer. The hedge will be included in the Annual Maintenance Contract for 2024/25.

9. ASB on EWPC property

None to report.

10. Finance

The committee discussed the Annual Maintenance Contract- current projection is a total cost of £7800 vs a budget of £7000. The committee will recommend to the finance committee a budget of £9000.

11. General Maintenance

Nothing extra.

12. Items to take to next meeting

Normal meeting agenda items. Amenities Finance for 24/25.

Next meeting 04 December 2023

Actions from 30 October 2023

Parish Field:

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