

## VILLAGE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

### Minutes of the meeting of the Village Amenities Committee of Colwall Parish Council held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7.30pm in the Jean Simon Room, Colwall Village Hall.

#### **Present:**

Councillors: Councillors: Beard (Chairman) Butler, Carless, James, Kendrick, and Rees.  
Co-opted member Freda Ballard.

#### **1. Welcome and Apologies.**

The Chairman Councillor Beard welcomed those present.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Trafford Roberts and Co-opted member Chris Englefield.

#### **2. Declaration of Interests.**

None were declared.

#### **3. Minutes.**

The minutes of Village Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016 were approved, and signed by the Chairman at the meeting.

#### **4. Amenities Budget.**

i) A summary of the 2016/17 Amenities Committee's year to date accounts was not available for the meeting; the Clerk confirmed expenditure is in line with Budget with the exception of: the 2 items highlighted in the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016 minutes.

ii) Quotes for replacement/new play equipment – the committee considered the 3 quotes from HAG SMP, Wicksteed and Sovereign, which encompassed a replacement of the 2 bay swings at Orlin Road, a replacement see-saw for Colwall Green and a new climbing feature at Walwyn Meadow.

IT WAS RESOLVED that

i) Wicksteed would be the preferred supplier

ii) Based on their quotation ref 115271, dated 20/10/2016, a variation would be sought to this quotation for a Rockscape – Henge 2.9m (instead of the Rockscape – Henge 1.7m).

Councillor Rees would liaise with Wicksteed over a revised quotation.

Funding will come from the S106 monies held at Herefordshire Council for utilisation in the Parish of Colwall.

#### **5. Sites Overview.**

Orlin Road Play Area (CE) Reported to be in good condition, other than awaiting new swings to be installed. The old swing structure has been removed.

War Memorial Garden (GR) Councillor Rees reported that the memorial garden had been prepared for the Remembrance Day service. Compliments and thanks very extended to Councillor Rees.

1 of the flower beds has been grassed over, 2 of the beds have been replanted with the remaining rose bushes. 2 of the beds are to be replanted in the spring.

Allens Meadow (CE) Reported to be in good condition.

Walwyn Meadow and Library Building (JB/GR) Reported to be in good condition.

Councillor Beard was complimented on the Christmas lights and the Christmas tree.

Colwall Green (PK) Councillor Kendrick reported that the Bus Shelter flower boxes have been a great success and Herefordshire Council are considering extending the scheme.

The Green area looks much healthier following the annual cut by the Conservators and a follow up “tidy up” cut by the Village Maintenance Contractor.

Colwall WI have put forward for the adoption of the Phone Box on Evendine Lane following the current public consultation.

The old school premises had been broken into by some youths and have been re-secured. Councillor Kendrick to highlight this with County Councillor A Johnson and concerns that the premises could deteriorate further pending the redevelopment of the site.

Brookmill Close Play Area (PB) in good condition; the fencing at the rear of the play area may be in need of replacement.

Aunt Alice (GR) In good order.

Railway Gardens (GR) Autumnal clearance undertaken. Councillor Rees to liaise with J Jackson regarding some further shrub removal required.

Nature Reserve (GR) The reserve is generally in good condition but regrettably there has been some vandalism of the new interpretation trail boards.

IT WAS AGREED the Clerk is to raise the Parish Councils concerns over the vandalism in the Nature Reserve, new graffiti and the break in at the former school premises. Councillor James has asked that the CSO David Alexander call into the butchers so that these issues can be discussed further.

#### **7. Parish Notice Boards, Village Seats and Litter Bins.**

i) All Parish Notice Boards were reported to be in good order.

Colwall Green Notice Board - Councillor Kendrick has agreed to obtain a quotation from the WMYOS for a direct replacement thereof in a suitable hardwood.

ii) The Clerk confirmed an order has been placed for a new seat installed to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday (as agreed at the committee meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016).

iii) Village Seats and Parish Litter bins were all reported to be in good order.

#### **8. Footpaths**

i) The Footpath Officer, Councillor Butler advised that there was nothing of issue to report. A couple of issues had been recently flagged by the locality officer Neil James, all of which have been attended to by S Maund under the P3 footpath scheme.

The Clerk advised that Neil James expressed his thanks and compliments to the work S Maund does in the Parish, and the excellent relationship he has with the Parish.

#### **9. Correspondence**

None.

#### **10. Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting of the Village Amenities Committee will be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017, at 7:30pm, in the Jean Simon Room at Colwall Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Chairman.....

Date.....