

COLWALL PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of the Village Amenities Committee of Colwall Parish Council held in the Jean Simon Room Colwall Village Hall, Mill Lane, Colwall at 7.50 pm on Wednesday 14th February 2018.

Present: Councillors: Ballard, Butler, Carless, Englefield, James, Rees (chairing), and Trafford-Roberts.

1. Welcome and Apologies:

The Chairman welcomed those present. The Clerk's absence due to illness was noted. Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Kendrick.

2. Declarations of Interests:

The Chairman reminded Councillors of the need to declare any Interests in items on the agenda.

None were declared.

3. Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting of the Amenities Committee were adopted.

4. Amenities Budget. No budget was available for the Committee to consider.

5. Sites Overview: Site condition reports were received as follows:

i) Orlin Road Play Area: not visited.

ii) War Memorial Garden: Councillor Rees had removed poppies and tidied troughs. A request from the Probation Service had been received to cut the hedge around the garden.

Action: Councillor Kendrick would give this a green light unless the cost was too high. Councillor Carless noted that grants may be available for this sort of activity.

The Clerk has subsequently clarified that the responsibility for the maintenance of the Church yard lies with the Church PCC so this enquiry has been re-directed accordingly.

iii) Allens Meadow: In good order.

iv) Walwyn Meadow & Library Building: understood to be in good order.

v) Colwall Green: Councillor Rees observed that the Malvern Hills Conservators had removed a fallen tree. Football area: Councillor Butler recommended filling parts of the goal mouths where erosion was taking its toll. Committee agreed this was a good idea.

vi) Brookmill Close Play Area: in order.

vii) Aunt Alice: the clock was running fast and/or slow on a regular basis. Derek Rees was investigating and trying to fix the problem on a weekly basis.

viii) Railway Gardens: Councillor Rees observed that a step in the garden had rotted and that the railway authorities had repaired it within two days.

ix) Nature Reserve: in order.

6. Colwall Green – Update from the Clerk. Not available.

7. Parish Notice Boards, Village Seats and Litter Bins: no update.

8. Footpaths: Councillor Butler presented a report on footpaths. No actions were arising.

9. Correspondence:

- Councillor Butler had circulated a request for suggestions for future use of CIL/S106 moneys within the village, and updated the Committee with the list of suggestions to date. This included a request from Colwall Cricket Club channelled via Councillor Carless.

- The Committee discussed the access along footpaths between the private lane off The Crescent/Crescent Road and the development at the Thairama, and making it easier for children and their parents or guardians to walk to school. **Action: Councillor Trafford-Roberts speak with the landowner about replacing stiles and kissing gates with mechanisms that would make walking to the school easier.**

-E-mail from resident highlighting overgrown hedges impacting on pavements and obscuring road signage. Councillor Rees suggested including an article in the Clock about hedge maintenance.

10. Date of Next Meeting. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as April 4th 2018 at 19:30pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:31.

Signed: **Date:**