

**VILLAGE AMENITIES COMMITTEE****Minutes of the meeting of the Village Amenities Committee of Colwall Parish Council held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2017 at 7.30pm in the Jean Simon Room, Colwall Village Hall.****Present:**

Councillors: Councillors: Butler, Kendrick (Chairman), Trafford-Roberts, co-opted member Freda Ballard, Chris Englefield and the Clerk.

**1. Welcome and Apologies.**

The Chairman Councillor Kendrick welcomed those present. Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Carless and Rees.

**2. Declaration of Interests.**

None were declared.

**3. Minutes.**

The minutes of Village Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017 were approved, and signed by the Chairman at the meeting.

**4. Amenities Budget.**

i) A summary of the 2017/18 Amenities Committee's was circulated; the Clerk discussed the detail and confirmed expenditure is in line with the 17/18 Budget.

**5. Sites Overview.**

Orlin Road Play Area (CE) Reported to be in good condition following the installation of the new swings.

War Memorial Garden (GR) Nothing to report

Allens Meadow (CE) Reported to be in good condition other than the fact that the Malvern Hills Trust do not keep the grass short like the other play areas. Clerk to check the Land Management Plan and consider if appropriate to discuss at the meeting with the Director on the 15th August.

Walwyn Meadow and Library Building (PK/GR) Reported to be in good condition. The Clerk confirmed - there has been a lot of very

positive feedback and thanks to the Parish Council for the new play equipment. Thanks were extended to Councillor Butler and the Clerk for the successful installation of “the Rock”.

Colwall Green (PK) Councillor Kendrick reported that the new see-saw is being used by the local children. The maintenance of the area will be discussed with the Malvern Hills Trust on the 15<sup>th</sup> August (see 6 below).

Brookmill Close Play Area (PB) in good condition.

Aunt Alice (GR) in good order, time keeping is weather dependent. The Clerk confirmed the annual service has been undertaken and she is reported to be in good order.

Railway Gardens (NC) in good condition.

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Nature Reserve (GR) The reserve is in good condition, a further new interpretation trail boards has been vandalised, the Clerk confirmed Steven had repaired and reinstated. The Clerk confirmed she has reported the incidents to the local CSO David Alexander and Councillor James confirmed he is in contact and discussion with David Alexander regarding this and the other incidents of petty vandalism and graffiti in the village.

## **6. Colwall Green**

The Clerk confirmed that a meeting with the Malvern Hills Trust to discuss the maintenance of this area has been arranged for the 15<sup>th</sup> August and will be attended by Councillors Kendrick and Rees. It was noted that may also be a good opportunity to also discuss the reinstatement of the area, post the relocation of the primary school in January 2018.

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

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

The Clerk confirmed that the commemorative plaque “to commemorate HRH Queen Elizabeth II’s Sapphire Jubilee 6/2/1952 –

6/2/2017” has been installed on the new seat at Old Church Road triangle

Thanks and compliments have been expressed to the Parish Council for the new seat.

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

IT WAS AGREED Councillors would take a look at the “street furniture” in the village and report back at the next meeting, with a view of getting any unnecessary clutter removed.

## **8. Footpaths**

The Footpath Officer, Councillor Butler reported the following:-

“A few remedial actions; some ongoing:

CW2. Clear fallen tree across path (section between Brockhill Rd & Mathon Rd)

CW2a. Install gate steps (near join with West Malvern road).

CW22. Cut back willow which has grown across a plank bridge (where crosses with CW21).

CW31. Silver birch & hawthorn to be cleared from across footpath.

CW52. Landowner has now cleared nettles from the path which runs by the potato sheds.

I have met with some of the footpath volunteers; provided them with maps and a “hints n tips document. Those I’ve still to meet up with have also had the “hints n tips document”.

Councillor Trafford Roberts reported that he had received a phone call about dumped disposable BBQ’s along a footpath in the Evendine Road area. The incident was dealt with at the time of the report.

Should this occur again then the Clerk is to be contacted who will ensure that this “fly tipping” is reported and dealt with by the relevant officer at Herefordshire Council.

## **9. Correspondence**

i) Football Pitch – The Clerk confirmed she had written to both these teams confirming usage for the 2017/18 season, as agreed at the last meeting. No further correspondence has been received from either team other than Thanks to the Parish Council from the Colwall Wanderers manager Nick Bolton

ii) Email from the President of Colwall Cricket Club regarding dog fouling in the Cricket Club grounds. The Clerk advised she has redirected this enquiry to the Herefordshire Council Dog Warden, who

has the necessary expertise and enforcement powers for this “Public Open Space” and “Sports Facility”.

iii) Report received regarding the poor condition of the fruit trees at Martins Orchard. IT WAS AGREED the Clerk would contact the Orchard Group for the pruning thereof.

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**10. Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting of the Village Amenities Committee will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, at 7:30pm, in the Jean Simon Room at Colwall Village Hall.

Items to be added to the agenda for this meeting are:-

- 1. Possible future spend of S106/CIL monies
- 2. De-cluttering the Village of street unnecessary furniture.
- 3. Colwall Library

The meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.

Chairman..... Date.....