

VILLAGE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Village Amenities Committee of Colwall Parish Council held on Wednesday 13th February 2019 at 8.05 pm in the Jean Simon Room, Colwall Village Hall.

Present:

Councillors: Butler, Cottam, James, Rees, Trafford-Roberts co-opted members Ballard and Englefield and the Clerk and 1 member of the public.

1. Welcome and Apologies.

The Vice- Chairman welcomed those present.

No apologies were received.

2. Declaration of Interests.

None were declared.

3. Minutes.

The minutes of Village Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 25th October 2018.were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Vice- Chairman.

4. Progress report –

i) Christmas Lights/ Tree.

Councillors Cottam and James provided the following update:-

Feedback had been very positive for the new lights on Aunt Alice.

The retired electrician has had an opportunity to appraise the existing motifs with a view to refurbishment, however, he has decided that this would be such a major job that it is not something he would want to undertake and there would be very significant costs involved.

Therefore the conscientious is that we do not refurbish the motifs.

On a positive the florist has offered to assist with the decoration of the Christmas tree for the 19/20 festive season.

Thanks were extended to Councillors Cottam, James and Rees for all their work in arranging and over seeing this project.

ii) Planting of replacement oak – Colwall Green

The Clerk is delighted to report that the replacement oak has been successfully planted on Colwall Green (at the end of January) and this has come in well under budget.

The tree needs to establish itself and subject to this, Spring 2020 a plaque will be “officially unveiled” to commemorate” it’s planting.

5. Amenities Budget.

i) A summary of the 2018/19 Amenities Committee’s year to date accounts was circulated and discussed. The clerk confirmed all expenditure was in line with the budget.

6. Sites Overview.

Orlin Road Play Area (CE) - Reported to be in good condition.

War Memorial Garden (GR) – Reported to be in good condition.

Allens Meadow (CE) - Reported by the Clerk to be in good condition.

Walwyn Meadow and Library Building (WC/RJ) – Reported to be in good condition.

Councillor Rees reported that the John Andrews garden will receive its’ spring tidy up and the “wild flower” meadow” is bring replanted for the next year.

Colwall Green (PB) – Reported to be in good order.

Brookmill Close Play Area (PB) –The site is reported to be in good condition.

The meeting was adjourned to receive a representation from a member of the public regarding this area.

The meeting was reconvened.

Aunt Alice (GR) – reported to be in good order and running up to 5 mins fast due to the winter weather.

Railway Gardens (RJ) - Reported to be in good order.

The Clerk confirmed the plaque has been ordered and will be installed over the next few weeks.

Nature Reserve (GR/FB) - Reported to be in good order.

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

- i) All Parish Notice Boards were reported to be in good order.
- ii) Village Seats and Parish Litter bins were all reported to be in good order.

8. Footpaths

- i) The Footpath Officer, Councillor Butler reported the following:-

Very little on the footpath front. Due to limited daylight & weather, I've not been able to get out as much as I'd like.

From the little I've seen / heard, it's quite wet, but its winter...

Path	Issue	Action
CW14 From Old Church Road towards Mill Farm	Over planted with root crop. Footpath not clearly defined on the ground	Visited the landowner who agreed to get his men to investigate / remedy. Last time I looked at the field the path had not yet been 're-instated', although the crop is only about six inches high, so not an obstruction as such. The issue is that the footpath is not obvious rather than blocked; not so much different to a grassed field.
CW9 From Brockhill Rd to the Purlieu		New dog gate installed
CW43 British Camp	Obstructed	This has been cleared, way marked a new stile installed and is fully open for walkers.

9. Correspondence

None.

10 Date of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Village Amenities Committee will be held on either Wednesday 3rd April or the 10th April 2019 at 7:30pm, in the Jean Simon Room at Colwall Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Chairman.....

Date.....