

VILLAGE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Village Amenities Committee of Colwall Parish Council held on Wednesday 10th April 2019 at 7.45 pm in the Jean Simon Room, Colwall Village Hall.

Present:

Councillors: Butler, Evans, Lane, Rees, Soros, Stock, Stratton, Trafford-Roberts, Wiseman, co-opted members Ballard and Englefield and the Clerk.

1. Welcome and Apologies.

The Vice- Chairman welcomed those present.

Apologies were received from Councillors Trafford-Roberts and James.

2. Declaration of Interests.

None were declared.

3. Minutes.

The minutes of Village Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 13th February 2019.were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Vice- Chairman.

4. Amenities Budget.

i) A summary of the 2018/19 Amenities Committee's year to date accounts was not available, the Clerk reported the audit for the year end is currently being undertaken.

5. Sites Overview.

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

War Memorial Garden (GR) – Reported to be in good condition. Spring planting will be undertaken shortly by Councillor Rees.

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 has received its' spring tidy up and the "wild flower" meadow" will be re-sown shortly.

Colwall Green (PB) – Reported to be in good order. Councillor Rees will meet with the CEO of the Malvern Hills Trust to discuss the soil analysis results as the wild flowers have not been flowering as well the last couple of years. Also they will be replacing the trees by the swings area.

Brookmill Close Play Area (PB) –The site is reported to be in good condition. Condition of the bench to be assessed and repaired as necessary.

Aunt Alice (GR) – reported to be in good order and running up to 3 mins fast.

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

The Clerk confirmed the plaque has now been installed.

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

6. 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.

The Clerk reported a new memorial seat has been ordered donated by Parishioners for Colwall Green.

7. Footpaths

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

Beating of the Bounds 2019 is planned for Sunday 26th May; a slightly amended route. Expect an article in the Clock.

Not an issue as such, but of interest: A landowner has contacted the PC asking how to apply for a permissive path across their land, in order to join two existing footpaths. I think it's refreshing that a landowner should have this view. The process needs to be managed through the PROW team at BBLP, so we've put the landowner in contact with them.

Below are footpath 'issues' / activity:

Path	Issue	Action
CW33	Broken finger post (end of Broadwood Drive)	New finger post installed by BBLP, but so close to the stile that it's likely to be used as a 'grab post' by anyone crossing the stile and may become loose in time. Steven to make more secure.
CW30A	Gate support posts loose.	Steven to fix.
CW15	Rotten tread on stile.	Repair / replace.
CW13	Fallen tree across path (Stamps Orchard)	Remove blockage from path.
CW12	Broken waymark	Replace.
CW7	Spike topped fence next to stile	Remove spikes near stile, if possible.
CW7	Barbed wire across gap next to stile; the gap is ideal for dogs to use, but the wire is at dog eye level.	Remove barbed wire.
CW28	Field ploughed & path not reinstated.	Visited site. Field now harrowed, so surface is 'smooth' ie fine to walk over. No sign of crops (yet), so unsure if path will be evident when vegetation grows. Keep an eye on it & contact landowner / farmer as required.
CW30A	Field ploughed & path not reinstated.	As above. Solution could be permissive path around field?

8. Correspondence

None.

9. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Village Amenities Committee will be held on the 5th June 2019 at 7:30pm, in the Jean Simon Room at Colwall Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Chairman.....

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