

## VILLAGE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

### Minutes of the meeting of the Village Amenities Committee of Colwall Parish Council held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 8.00 pm in the Jean Simon Room, Colwall Village Hall.

**Present:**

Councillors: Lane (Chairman), Butler, Cottam, Evans, James, Rees, Stock, Stratton, Wiseman, co-opted members Ballard and Englefield and the Clerk.

**1. Welcome and Apologies.**

The Chairman welcomed those present.

Apologies were received from Councillor Cottam.

The Chairman reminded non-committee members that they could discuss but not vote upon items on the agenda.

**2. Declaration of Interests.**

None were declared.

**3. Minutes.**

The minutes of Village Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019.were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**4. Amenities Budget.**

i) A summary of the 2019/20 Amenities Committee's year to date accounts was reviewed by the committee; the Clerk reported that there has been no exceptional spending to date. The electricity bill for Aunt Alice was slightly over budget at £277.84 (vs budget £140) due to a change in the tariff. All other items are within budget and the overall spend to date is in line with the budget for the year.

IT WAS AGREED that Councillor Rees purchase bulbs for the Walwyn Meadow at an estimated cost of £50.

ii) The 2020/21 Budget was presented for consideration. This is similar to the current year's budget allowing for small increases for costs associated with the Christmas tree, the Christmas lights and the maintenance of the Railway Gardens, all of which are based on this year's costs/quotes plus allowing for inflation.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the committee would recommend to Full Council that the budget as presented for 2020/21 will be £19,085.

**5. Sites Overview.**

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

War Memorial Garden (GR) – Reported to be in good condition. Clearance of the plants will be undertaken by Councillor Rees. The garden will be ready for the annual memorial service in November.

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

Walwyn Meadow and Library Building (WC) – Reported to be in good condition. The Clerk confirmed the tree and shrub husbandry will be undertaken over the wintertime.

Colwall Green (PB) – Reported to be in good order. The season cut has been undertaken and the grass collected.

It was requested that the Village Maintenance contractor repair the bench that is around the tree on the Green.

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

Aunt Alice (GR) – reported to be in good order, and is running a few out.

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

Nature Reserve (GR/FB) - Reported to be in good order with the pond life thriving.

## 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, other than that reported in 5. above at Colwall Green.

## 7. Footpaths

### Colwall Parish Council Footpath Officer Report: October 2019.

Path	Issue	Action
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CW3 The Winnings	Damaged kissing gate	To be repaired
CW3a: Above the racecourse	Fallen tree obstructing the path	This has now been cleared.

It was requested that the Clerk seek clearance of the overhanging vegetation along CW30 (behind Brookmill Close).

## 8. Correspondence

- i) Email request from a resident regarding concerns re the health of the lime trees on Walwyn Road.

The locality officer addressed this email and his response dated 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019 is set out below:-

“I have made a site inspection last week and discussed with our Arbocultural supervisor following which an application is going to the council to allow us to remove any dead wood and mistletoe. If approved, the works will be undertaken in due course.

I would point out that we are fairly limited in the scope of works we are allowed to undertake given the trees status in terms of them being in a conservation area, that they are protected under a Tree Preservation Order and. As has been the case with the specimens that were removed or had fallen much of our interventions will be reactive.

I hope that this is of assistance and will be able to provide an update once the works have been completed in the weekly update emails which are sent to you both”.

## 9. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Village Amenities Committee will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7:30pm, in the Jean Simon Room at Colwall Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

Chairman.....

Date.....