

MINUTES OF MEETING OF AMENITIES COMMITTEE 04 December 2023 10:00, Woolton Hill Church Hall

Chairman: Cllr Rand (Chair)

Present: Cllr Cooper, Cllr Hurst, Cllr Cooper

Clerk: Amy White In attendance: One parishioner

1. Welcome and apologies

Cllr Rand welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. To Agree Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 October 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Rand.

4. Actions from Previous Meeting

Date	Action
30/10/23	Parish Field:
	 Clerk to ask the EWPC strimmer volunteer to strim a further section of the parish field path. Actioned- see item 6. Clerk to ask tenant to get the bales removed ASAP. Actioned. The farmer coming to collect the hay bales is currently incapacitated but will collect them as soon as possible. The Clerk and Cllr Rand have made it clear to the tenant that this is a priority. The hedges will be cut by March.
	Biodiversity project:
	 Cllr Roots and Cllr Rand to walk the field to confirm tree locations. In action- to be done 06 December 2023.
	 Cllr Roots to set out reasons for tree choices for parish field for communication to the parish. To be written in the New Year. Cllr Rand to contact Catherine Daly at BDBC to discuss trees in the landscape. Actioned
	 Cllr Rand will write up a communication to share with the committee prior to wider circulation. To be written in the New Year.

5. Recreation Grounds update

The Amenities Committee will plan to spend the S106 monies allocated to the parish (see Full Council Minutes of 27 November 2023). This will be taken to the January meeting.

6. Parish field update

In between meetings Cllr Rand met with up with EWPC's volunteer strimmer and it was agreed to purchase the necessary striming equipment to make a start on the parish field path. The field's ditches are flowing well- thanks to the parish field tenant who maintains them. The new self closing gates and fence repairs at the Doctor's surgery end have been completed.

7. Biodiversity project update

Nothing else to add (see action items).

8. Meadowbrook

The Clerk and Cllr Hurst met with Scofell on site at Meadowbrook. A quote of £2134 was agreed for the hedges on both sides of the EWPC-owned area to be cut; those bordering the back of houses on Broadlayings will have a significant cut to approx. 6ft.

The trees on Tile Barn Row which border Meadowbrook will have a visual tree inspection for £160 and be added to the list of EWPC trees for inspection.

9. ASB on EWPC property

None to report.

10. Finance

Scofell has sent a revised Annual Maintenance contract, including the hedges at Meadowbrook- a new quote of £10460. The Clerk has asked Scofell for clarification on the new quote, bearing in mind that their costs have not risen for 2 years.

11. General Maintenance

Nothing extra.

12. Items to take to next meeting

Normal meeting agenda items. S106 monies for recreation ground. Communications. Boardwalk project.

Next meeting 22 January 2023