



MINUTES OF MEETING OF AMENITIES COMMITTEE
22 January 2024
10:00, Woolton Hill Church Hall

Chairman: Cllr Rand (Chair)
Present: Cllr Cooper, Cllr Hurst
Clerk: Amy White

1. Welcome and apologies

Cllr Rand welcomed everyone to the meeting. Cllr Roots sent her apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. To Agree Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Rand.

4. Recreation Grounds update

Ian Pearce Contractor has completed the replacement of the fence bordering the car park and realignment of the gate. The Amenities Team is delighted with the result.

The carpark has a number of small potholes and it was felt the Amenities Committee needs to be proactive to ensure this does not get worse.

Action: Clerk to source quotes for car park upgrade/maintenance/repair.

EWPC has £5400 of S106 monies to be spent on goal mouth improvement and seating in WH rec, and £1900 for rocking horse equipment S106 monies, both allocated to EWPC from Highclere Parish (because it does not have recreation equipment). The deadline for spend is 17 October 2026.

Action: Clerk will contact Dick Randall to initiate plans for goal mouth improvement and a new rocking horse in the playground.

5. Parish field update

Ditches have been flowing well since the heavy rain.

The new self-closing gates are slightly stiff and heavy, Clerk will ask Scofell to loosen it.

6. Biodiversity project update

Cllr Rand and the Clerk met with Helene from Scofell to confirm locations for 9 trees (3 x oak (Quercus Robur) and 2 each of Crategus Lavelle, Amelanchier Lamarkii, Malus Evereste. The trees have been reserved at Penwood Nurseries and Scofell will collect the trees, plant, stake and protect them with an agreed quote of £1181 excl VAT.

Action: Communication: Cllr Rand will write a parish field update to consolidate the work that has gone on in the field, to include biodiversity improvements and tree planting. The update will be sent out to the parish via the website, Facebook and Spectrum.

7. Meadowbrook

Scofell are cutting the hedges along the far side of the kick about area today (22 January 2024).

Action: Clerk to chase up Land Registry.

8. ASB on EWPC property

None to report.

9. Finance

Nothing to update.

10. General Maintenance

Nothing extra.

11. Items to take to next meeting

£106 monies and spend. Boardwalk project.

Next meeting 19 February 2024

Actions from 22 January meeting

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