

MINUTES OF MEETING OF AMENITIES SUB-COMMITTEE
20 September 2021
10:30, Woolton Hill Church Hall

Chairman: Cllr Rand (Chair)
Present: Councillors Mr P Hurst, Mrs S Cooper
Clerk: Amy White

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 26/08/21 were agreed and accepted by the Chairman, Cllr Rand.

4. Actions from previous Meeting

Date	Action
20/04/21	Cllr Watson will create wording for the new signs at the end of the field. Not actioned- remove and update with item 7.
20/04/21	Cllr Rand to obtain quote for new benches – delay this until after the new exercise facilities are situation in the recreation ground.
22/07/21	Clerk to research a noticeboard feature at Brownies Corner end. Actioned- see item 7.
26/08	Clerk to write piece for Spectrum, including asking for ideas for placing benches. Actioned- this was published in Spectrum and Facebook.
26/08	Cllr Rand will contact the volunteers (Cllr Cooper will join) and contact St Thomas' Infant School to see if an adult wishes to represent the school's interest in the field project. Actioned , see item 8.
26/08	The Clerk will ask HALC for legal advice regarding hedge cutting responsibilities.

5. Footpath Update

Cllr Watson will no longer attend the meetings. However, footpaths will still come under the umbrella of Amenities and Cllr Watson will provide an update to Cllr Rand before each Amenities meeting.

Cllr Rand reported on the update of Cllr Watson's footpath project. They have a zoom call on 21/09/21 to discuss how move the project along.

6. Recreation Ground update

The Clerk reported on the damaged fencing along Wellbrook House. Clerk will meet with Scofell Contractors to discuss how to fix the issue and both Cllr Rand and Clerk will meet with the owner of Wellbrook house on 27/09.

Action: Clerk to meet with Luke from Scofell re recreation ground issues.

A Parishioner has contacted the Clerk re silt washing onto the tennis court. He has cleared it himself (the Clerk has thanked him) and this area will be added to the maintenance contract for Scofell.

7. Parish Field update

The Clerk has researched information boards; the committee were interested in this type of board:

https://www.greenbarnes.co.uk/lectern-information-panels/?gclid=CjwKCAjw4qCKBhAVEiwAkTYsPGWiDHblvkdWLPmdqVjk8l4KA13hpnETdMOHirdkkrkLqFi4HIJ-cxoCFZEQAvD_BwE

It will be decided once the biodiversity project is completed.

Premier Grounds has used a vinegar solution to kill weeds along the path. It has been very successful.

Cllr Rand has improved the squeaky gate issue and the matter is considered resolved.

8. Biodiversity

The team consists of Cllrs Rand, Cooper and 3 members of the parish. the intention for this team of 5 will be to update the Amenities Committee, Full Council, the Parish, the Schools and Newbury Weekly News. Cllr Hurst has met with the Head Teacher of the St Thomas and Woolton Hill Junior Schools; he was enthusiastic about the project and will be nominating a teacher to be the biodiversity link between the PC and schools.

Cllr Rand will update on the planned first meeting of the biodiversity team at the next amenities meeting.

9. S106 project update

The provisional date of installation of the Boules court: Early October.

The provisional date of the play/exercise equipment: Early November.

The Clerk will ask BDBC for H&S notice ideas.

Concern was noted re CCTV and possible vandalism.

Actions: Clerk to ask Cybertronix re changing camera angles etc.

Clerk to ask BDBC for Health and Safety Notices.

10. Meadowbrook

Cllr Hurst showed the Amenities team the Meadowbrook area which the Council will be responsible for. Cllr Rand will report back on this at the next meeting.

11. General Maintenance

The drainage sump at Brownies Corner still needs clearing.

Action: Cllr Rand to contact Thames Water to ascertain approximate work and costs involved to clear the drain.

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**Next Full Amenities Meeting:
Friday 15th October @13:30, WHCH**