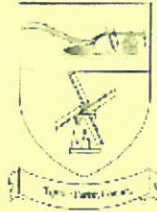


TIPTREE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Amenities Committee took place on Tuesday 12th October 2021 at 7.00pm in the Meeting Room at the Tiptree Community Centre, Caxton Close.

Present Cllrs: Cllr D Webb (Chairman) Cllr J Greenwood
Cllr A Peck

Also in attendance – The Clerk of the Council and the Head Groundsman.

- 028/21 **Apologies for Absence** – There were apologies of absence from Cllr R Mannion, N Mattinson & B Wood.
- 029/21 **Declarations of Interest** – There were no declarations of interest.
- 030/21 **Chairman's Announcements:** The Chairman reported on the Forthcoming Tollesbury Parish Council's Open day to Launch their new Environmental Policy. It will be held on 30th October from 11:00 to 15:00 in the Tollesbury Parish room
- 031/21 **Public Questions:** None
- 032/21 **Minutes of Amenities Meeting** – 17th August 2021.
The minutes of the meeting held on 17th August were unanimously approved for signature.
- 033/21 **TYPO Report:** A report was received from the TYPO Community Youth Worker detailing efforts made to increase and improve Youth Services within the village. Councillors were particularly encouraged by the efforts of Leisure World, Essex Youth Services and TYPO in co-ordinating their capabilities. **The report was Received and Noted**
- 034/21 **Site Updates:**
1. **Grove Rd PF:**
(a) **Fitness Trail:** The Chairman explained the issue of the need to finally get this item moving, understanding that the land was still owned by CBC. The Clerk was asked to get a firm quote in order to progress the project.
(b) **Anti-Social Behaviour.** The chairman reported on the continuing issue of anti-social behaviour onsite – especially in the form of graffiti at the skate park, and vandalism of the public Toilets.
(c) **Cameras:** The clerk reported that the new CCTV cameras would be installed shortly. Permission for a relay antenna mounting were all that was holding this up, and a response was expected within the next few weeks.

2. **Lakes:**

(a) Vandalism: The Head Groundsman reported that vandalism of the area around the Lake and the Bus shelter opposite Asda remains an issue. It is hoped that the advent of cameras at Grove Lake will prevent this in the future, with all incidents reported to the police.

3. **Memorial Garden:**

Hedging: The chairman reported that TCV would be onsite on Dec 1st to begin planting the new hedgerow.

4. **Park Lane –**

(a) Cut and Collect – The clerk reported that the Cut and Collect had completed on 12th October.

(b) Tree thinning –The tree “thinning” work to be undertaken by Mick Dunn had not yet happened.

(c) Management Plan – The Chairman reported that she would be commencing work on that on Friday 16th October, although assistance with the Vision Statement from Councillors would be appreciated.

5. **Site Visit Report –**

Park Lane: The report was received and noted.

It was resolved to note the entirety of the Site Update report provided.

- 035/21 **Caxton Close Play Area:** The committee reviewed the 3 quotes supplied to replace the wooden bollard play equipment with an inclusive use roundabout and nest swing. **The Committee RESOLVED to accept the lowest price quote, which also provided the best design. The cost to be borne from the Earmarked Reserves.**
- 036/21 **Open Space Maintenance:** The Clerk reported on a small area of Council owned land which required Ragwort control. This had been effectively treated by a contractor. It was **RESOLVED to note the Report .**
- 037/20 **Grove Rd Playing Field:** Repair options for the replacement of the failing wet pour and rubber mulch were discussed. The quotes provided exceeded the Committee’s budget, but the work was necessary in order to provide an effective repair. **It was RESOLVED to submit the recommendation to Full Council for the lowest cost contractor to complete the full repairs, with costs met from the General Reserves, or budgeted and completed within next year’s Amenities budget.**
- 038/21 **Site Visit:** The Committee discussed the schedule for the next site visit, and based on the weather, determined that Windmill Green and the Memorial Garden would be next on the rotation, but not until April 2022.

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039/21 **Coriander Road – Open Space Survey.** Committee reviewed the draft survey and agreed to proceed to survey without change. A Number of Councillors volunteered to assist with the door-to door delivery once the surveys had been printed. **It was RESOLVED to proceed with surveying the Neighbourhood.**

040/21 **S106 priorities:** The report was discussed, and with the importance of the Neighbourhood Plan, it was agreed that the S106 list should more closely resemble the requirements of the Neighbourhood Plan. Changes to the “Outside” list therefore included (a) changing the wording for the Meadowlands acquisition, (b) Adding a Community Football facility (with changing facilities) and (C) adding a MUGA. **The Council unanimously RESOLVED to make these changes.**

027/21 **Financial Comparison**
A financial report for the Amenities Committee was discussed. **The report was received and noted.**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.51

Signed D. M. Webb Date 16.11.21