TIPTREE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Amenities Committee took place on Tuesday 16th November 2021 at 7.00pm in the Meeting Room at the Tiptree Community Centre, Caxton Close.

Present Cllrs: Cllr D Webb (Chairman) Cllr C Kitley

Cllr R Mannion (Vice Chair) Cllr A Peck

Cllr B Wood

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

O42/21 Apologies for Absence – There were apologies of absence from Cllr J
Greenwood

Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of interest.

044/21 Chairman's Announcements:

The Chairman provided a brief report from the Friends of Tiptree Heath (FoTH), covering Cows now grazing on the heath, work on winter paths and the recent Traveller incursion. The work of FoTH to ensure the stay was as brief as possible, and the clean-up efforts afterward were much appreciated and specifically mentioned for praise by the committee.

It was also reported that the winter flowers had been planted in planters by Perrywood's once again, and their efforts to keep our village look colourful and cheery are much appreciated.

045/21 Public Questions: None

046/21 Minutes of Amenities Meeting – 12th October 2021.

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th October were unanimously approved for signature.

047/21 Site Updates:

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1. Grove Rd PF:

- (a) <u>Fitness Trail</u>: The Clerk reported that he had received a catalogue providing good value fitness trail equipment pricing for the site. Council then debated proceeding whilst ownership was in question, and best place for siting the equipment. The ongoing need for the equipment was discussed, and it was determined that a brief statement on Social Media to judge interest would be of value.
- (b) <u>Lights</u>. The survey for the lights being set at 9pm shutdown throughout winter as well as summer was now ready, and would soon be distributed shortly. Discussion over the light intensity and

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manufacture type then ensued. The clerk was then asked to obtain quotes for changing the light type to LED.

- (c) <u>Cameras:</u> The clerk reported that the hold up on the new CCTV cameras was down to the failure of the nearby Property management company to provide permission for a relay antenna mounting. Three chase-up requests to the building agents have yet to produce a response.
- (d) <u>Dogs:</u> The committee were reminded of the recent Full Council item requesting a separate dog enclosure for off-lead walking within Grove Road Playing Field, to which they were unanimously opposed.

2. Lakes:

- (a) <u>Tree Work:</u> The clerk reported that BeGreen would be coming in on Thursday to complete their work on Pollarding the diseased Horse Chestnut at the rear of the boardwalk area. While onsite, they would also work on the removal of some dead branches
- (b) <u>Habitat Survey:</u> The Clerk reported that Essex Wildlife Trust EECOS had been contacted in order to provide a habitat survey for the Lake area.

3. Memorial Garden:

<u>Hedging</u>: The chairman reported that TCV wished to make a site visit prior to the planting, in order to assess the work. This would be carried out on Friday November 19th, met by the Chairman and Head Groundsman.

<u>Dogs</u>; It was noted that there had been dog faeces found in the grounds while mowing. The clerk was tasked with producing a suitable sign to deter any off-lead dog walking at the site, and ensuring that any residue of the visit is removed.

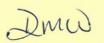
Flower Beds: The chairman will review the site for any additional winter flowers that may be needed to add some colour

4. Park Lane -

- (a) <u>Tree thinning</u> –The tree "thinning" work to be undertaken by Mick Dunn has still not happened. The Clerk was tasked with providing a final email to get the work underway, or get alternate providers of the service to quote.
- (b) Management Plan The Chairman provided a draft Vision Statement that she wished the Committee to review, prior to the 2023 revised plan.

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

- CBC site visit: The clerk had requested and received a site visit form the CBC Locality team. The meet regarding the siting and clearance of general waste bins was very productive, and CBC were to be commended for their help. It was RESOLVED to note the Report
- Open Space Maintenance: Tiptree Heath FC have not yet obtained their lease for the Council owned land just short of Pod's Wood, but they have been given permission to clear the site of overgrowth while awaiting the lease to be finalised. It was RESOLVED to note the Report.



- O50/21 Coriander Road Open Space Survey. Committee noted that the survey was ready for distribution. Cllr Webb will set the date for this to occur, after discussion with Cllr Greenwood. It was RESOLVED to proceed with surveying the Neighbourhood.
- O51/21 **S106 priorities:** The report was discussed, and with the importance of the Neighbourhood Plan and current S106 discussions, further clarification was requested to the "Inside" list where the Rebuild of Scout Hut was changed to reflect "provision of multi-use facility". **The Council unanimously RESOLVED to make this change.**
- O52/21 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 20.13

Signed D. M. Webb. Date 18.01. 22