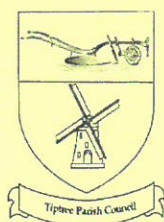


TIPTREE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Amenities Committee took place on Tuesday 12th April 2022 at 7.00pm in the Small Hall at the Tiptree Community Centre, Caxton Close.

Present Cllrs: Cllr D Webb (Chairman) Cllr J Greenwood
Cllr R Mannion Cllr C Kitley
Cllr B Wood Cllr A Peck

Also in attendance – The Clerk to the Council.

086/21 **Apologies for Absence** – The Head Groundsman was absent on Annual Leave

087/21 **Declarations of Interest** – There were no declarations of interest.

088/21 **Chairman's Announcements:**

- (1) The Chairman reported that the Mitsubishi Pick-up used by the Open Spaces team was suffering from a major issue and would need repairs – This was being scheduled with a Mitsubishi dealership.
- (2) The Chairman reported that she would be meeting with Essex Youth Services and TYPO on 13 April to discuss ongoing youth club provision.
- (3) The Chairman noted some items that were brought to her attention at a recent Development appeal:
 - (a) That there must now be a bio-diversity component in Developments, which should equate to 20% of the development – In this instance, the developer aimed to achieve it by planting additional trees in each yard!
 - (b) Open Space still has a 10% requirement, but the CBC/Developer plans still call for a management company to deliver this, contrary to the Tiptree Neighbourhood Plan (NHP), which looks for TPC management.
 - (c) This particular development also provided S106 commitment for Warriors Rest development, Leisure World, and Youth Facility.

089/21 **Public Questions:** None

090/21 **Minutes of Amenities Meeting** – The minutes of the meeting held on 8th March were unanimously approved for signature.

091/21 **Site Updates:**

1. **Grove Rd. Playing Field:**

(a) Toilet Vandalism: The chairman was pleased with the policing result for the vandalism. Cllr Mannion was thanked for his efforts on ensuring this ASBO matter was properly dealt with.

(b) Red Diesel Tank: The tank is now fully repaired and operational, although new guidance from HMRC has precluded the council from using red diesel for grass cutting, and so the tank will be re-purposed.

2. **Lakes:**

Action Plan: The clerk reported that the second engineering company had not provided any contribution to the report. It was determined to not delay any further and place the **item on the next Full Council agenda with a recommendation that we proceed to quote.**

3. **Memorial Garden:**

Planting & Pots: The chairman had reported that she was unable to source any reasonably priced pots of a suitable size. Cllr Mannion was able to provide an alternate sourcing solution, which the chairman would investigate.

4. **Park Lane –**

(a) Tree thinning –The Chairman reported that the tree thinning work was now complete and looked good, although the work on the boundary for tree reduction still needed further effort.

(b) Interpretation Boards – The chairman reported this as an ongoing effort, explaining the concept behind each.

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

092/21 **Projects Plan Review**: The Projects Plan spreadsheet was reviewed by all and it was **RESOLVED to receive and note the report.**

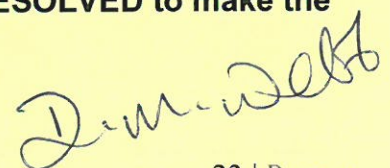
093/21 **Habitat Survey**: The chairman reported on the meeting with CNHS (Colchester Natural History Society) at Park Lane, with a view to obtaining surveys from that organisation for both Park Lane and Grove Lake. The meeting was positive, with indications they would like to help – we have not yet however received any further news on their ability to assist. It was **RESOLVED to note the Report.**

094/21 **Site visits**: The Committee reviewed dates to enable the postponed Grove Road Playing Field site visit from March, and also to enable the next site visit at Windmill Green. It was determined that the best dates would be :

(a) Grove Road Playing Fields on Tue 03 May at 10am.

(b) Windmill Green on Tuesday 24 May at 10am

095/21 **S106 priorities**: The S106 lists of priorities for both “inside” and “outside” was reviewed, with a minor amendment made to the inside list, where the Scout Hut refurbishment was re-instated. It was **unanimously RESOLVED to make the change stipulated.**



- 096/21 **Annual Tree Survey and siting for Jubilee Oak:** The Clerk reported that our Annual Tree survey was now due, and wanted to award the business to our regular Tree Survey Inspector, due to the Black Fungus Issue with one tree, and ensuring that there is no spread. This was agreed by the Committee – The siting of the Jubilee Oak was to be reviewed on the site visit. The Report was **received and noted**.
- 097/21 **Climate Change Report:** The chairman talked on the number of recent discussions regarding the climate emergency, and how we (as Tiptree Parish Council) are to make best use of the information, and enable a “greener future”. Specifically, it was requested that the Clerk obtain the Carbon Footprint tool to determine how green the Parish is, to contact the Essex Forest Initiative regarding obtaining some larger (more resilient) trees, and finally, to contact the ECC Representative on Electric Charging points regarding next steps. The Clerk noted the action points and **the REPORT was received and noted by the Committee**.
- 098/21 **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 20.21

Signed D. M. Webb Date 10.05.22