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Marchwood Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the
Amenities Committee
held at Marchwood Village Hall
on Monday 12th June 2017 at 7.30pm.

Councillors: *Mrs J Saxby (Chairman) – in the chair

*Mrs R Andrews *Mrs A Hoare
*Mr M Proctor *Mr F White
*Mr R Young

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

In attendance: Mrs C Cockeram (Deputy Clerk to the Council)
Mr A Lavington (AMF Supervisor)
Cllrs M Saxby & D Makinson

Apologies for absence

1. No apologies

Public Participation

2. There were no members of the public

Declarations of Interest

3. No declarations of Interest were made.

Chairman's remarks

4. Firstly I should like to say a personal Thank You to Dave Ince, one of our groundsmen who has recently retired after many years tending the green spaces in our village. Dave was such an integral part of the village and will be much missed. We all wish him a Happy Retirement. I would like to welcome our two new groundsmen Ryan (who is replacing Dave) and Robert, who is just with us for the Summer Season.
I know that Robert is only employed until October but I would like to propose to our Policy and Resources committee and the full Parish Council that he should be considered as a full time employee. I think that the current situation of Hampshire County Council cutting back on so much of their highway work our Parish Council would out of necessity take on more and more of the general upkeep of the village, and employing Robert full time could only be an asset in the long term.

Minutes

5. **RESOLVED:** To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2016 & 15th May 2017.

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Rear Access to Drakes Court

6. **RESOLVED:** To write to the remaining residents along Drakes Court and ask their opinion regarding the request for rear access. To contact NFDC and enquire if planning permission is needed. To hold an Amenities Meeting prior to the next meeting of the Parish Council for resolution.

AMF Supervisors Report:

7. Noted.
Members requested that the Millennium flower have more flowers added to provide more colour.
Dog fouling still a problem within the village. Members asked where the most problem was more severe. Tony said The Falklands Memorial being one of them.
To write an article for the Village News and state that normal bins can be used for dog waste.

Ground Staff Training:

8. The Ground Staff: Tony, Ryan, Dave and Robert have all completed Manual Handling and Strimmer/Brush Cutter.
Tony, Ryan and Dave completed abrasive wheel training.
Tony, Ryan and Robert have done Chainsaw/Crosscut and Maintenance
These courses are valid for 5 years
Chainsaw and Strimmer training cost £780 + VAT
Manual Handling and Abrasive wheels cost £495.60 including VAT
Once the tractor and side arm flail arrive at the end of July all members of ground staff will be trained in its use.
We believe this will be in the region of £390+VAT.

Tree Damage at Kestrel Close:

9. Noted.

Orchard:

10. The Deputy Clerk reported that a 'den' had been made in the hedgerow alongside the Orchard. This has also caused a gap in the hedge allowing access. With the worry of the fruit trees being damaged the ground staff has been tasked with building a Hawthorne wattle fence to prevent access. The Vicar has been informed as this den is on Church land. The three seats to be relocated to the opposite side of the field.

Parish Council priorities for 2016-17:

- b) Allotments: No further updates.
- c) Dog fouling and litter: This is still a problem.
- d) Footpath improvements behind St. John's Church / cycle to school project:
We are still waiting to hear from HCC, no further updates.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm

Chairman