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Marchwood Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held at Marchwood Village Hall held on Monday 11th February 2019 at 7.00pm.

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

Councillors: Mrs R Andrews (A) Mrs A Hoare (P)
Mr M Proctor (P) Mr J Piernicki (P)
Mr R Young (P)

(A) Absent (P) Present

In attendance: Mr B Gibbs (Clerk to Council)

Also present: Cllr K Petty.

Before the meeting commenced Cllr Saxby offered apologies for the early start to the meeting.

Apologies for absence

1. Apologies were received from Cllr Andrews.

Public Participation

2. There were no members of the public present.

Declarations of Interest

3. There were no declarations of interest made.

Chairman's remarks

4. The Chairman spoke briefly about the damage to the silent suffragette. She commented that it was a sad reflection of the times that the damage inflicted was so severe. The damaged silhouette has now been replaced and is in storage prior to the forthcoming centenary of the Marchwood WI in 2021.

The Chairman thanked Mr Lavington for his help on the day.

Minutes

5. **RESOLVED:** To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2018 as an true record. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy monies

6. It was reported to the Committee that the sum of £15,989.03 in S106 developer contributions is currently held in an Earmarked Reserve (EMR) alongside a figure of £472.56 that was allocated as a Community Infrastructure Levy EMR.

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S106 projects in Marchwood

7. Cllrs Young and Hoare had met recently with District Councillor Bennison and Mr Richard Payne (NFDC Planning Strategy) to discuss the current S106 funds with a view to identifying some worthwhile projects within Marchwood.

Part of the discussion involved a walk around the village in order to identify areas where money could usefully be spent and also focused on past initiatives that for one reason or another have not been realised. The Clerk sought the Committee's agreement to allocate some of the current S106 funds towards the cost of NFDC officer time in order to re-launch some of the projects.

Although no figure has been suggested it is also proposed that a cap of two day's work should be sufficient to complete this task.

RESOLVED: To allocate no more than two day's officer time to work with the Parish Council in order to re-launch some of the outstanding projects. The money to pay for this is to be drawn down from the S106 funds held by NFDC

AMF Supervisor's report

8. The AMF Supervisor who was not present at the meeting. In his absence the Clerk presented a verbal report with the main headlines listed as follows.

- Graffiti and vandalism continues to be a problem at the over 12's and Under 12's playgrounds.
- The tree work commissioned during the autumn at Kestrel Close, Woodpecker Drive and Kingfisher Way has now been completed.
- The Dapple Place walkway has now been cleared of vegetation. Many people have contacted the Parish Office to thank the ground staff.
- Daily litter picking continues to be required around the Village.
- Dog mess also remains an ongoing issue.

RESOLVED: The Committee **noted** the report and thanked Mr Lavington for his work in producing it.

Tree survey report January 2019

9. The Clerk presented to the Committee a further series of reports outlining the condition of trees in its ownership.

The areas surveyed most recently are as follows.

- Land at the Lloyd Recreation Ground.
- Land adjacent to Adams Wood Drive and Ferndale Road.
- Land at Crooked Hayes Copse.
- Land adjacent to Oaklands Park and Philpott Drive.
- Land at Autumn Road.
- Land at Normandy Way.
- Land at St John's Field and the Pony Field.

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- Land at Kestrel Close.
- Land at the Village Centre playing field.

The Clerk outlined to the Committee that the total cost of all the work would total £2,859.20 +VAT

RESOLVED: To undertake all of the work outlined in the seven works orders presented to the Committee. This would result in a total spend of £4,715.69 +VAT

It was hoped to complete all the urgent and high priority work before the end of the financial year 2018-19. The medium priority work will take place in the financial year 2019-20

Play Area Inspections December 2018

- 10 The Clerk had previously circulated five reports from “The Play Inspection Company” to members of the Committee. The reports referred to the following areas:

The Marchwood Over 12’s Play Area in St John’s Field
The Marchwood Under 12’s Play Area adjacent to the Village Centre
The Admiralty Quay Play Area adjacent to Skipper Court
The Cork Field Skate Park
The Lloyd Recreation Ground Play Area.

The Clerk had discussed the report with the Mr Lavington (AMF Supervisor) and had asked him to address all the issues identified in the five reports. Mr Lavington has now completed an initial review of the reports and had responded to the concerns identified by inspectors. A list of actions taken was presented to the Committee.

The clerk commented that the reports were typical of a mid-life inspection. A number of issues have been identified that require further work over the next few years as the equipment ages and as approaches end of life.

However, there is no need at this moment in time for any replacement equipment to be purchased.

RESOLVED: The Committee **noted** the reports and thanked the Clerk and Mr Lavington for their work in producing the reports and responding to the issues identified in each of them.

Parish Council priorities for 2018-19

11. The Clerk said that he had begun the process of obtaining quotes to remove the benches previously identified as being at end of life. He said that he would prefer the benches to be fully removed rather than just the above ground structures. He would report back at the next meeting with progress.
12. The Clerk said that he hopes to be in a position to re-mark the Football Pitch at the Lloyd Recreation Ground in order to bring it back in to use prior to the start of the 2019-20 Football season.

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13. The Clerk commented that the agenda item regarding the Long Lane footpath normally appeared on the Planning Committee's agenda. However, an important milestone in the project has now been reached in that a neighbour consultation was now underway.

It is hoped that consultation will result in an agreement with neighbouring property owners so that an area of land can be made available for the footpath to be laid out.

RESOLVED: The Committee **noted** these three items.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.29pm