

Marchwood Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the
Amenities Committee
held at Marchwood Village Hall
on Monday 8th September 2014 at 7.30pm.

Councillors: *Mr R Vango-Fisher (Vice- Chairman) – in the chair

*Ms B Golden *Mr K Petty
*Mrs J Saxby *Mr M Saxby
oMr R Rowlands

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

In attendance: Mrs C Cockeram (Deputy Clerk to the Council)
Mr A Lavington (AMF Supervisor)

Also present: Cllr Mrs A Hoare and 3 Members of the public

Apologies for absence

1. Cllr. R Rowlands

Public Participation

2. i) A member of the public raised concern regarding the concrete blocks at The Rowans. She understood the reason why they were placed there and was enquiring that the replacement be more aesthetically pleasing.

ii) A resident was concerned about cyclists riding on the footpaths by the School and by the Village shops. He said that it was becoming dangerous for young children and the elderly.

Cllr Petty explained about the cycling to school scheme the Junior School were trying to introduce. The Deputy Clerk reported that alongside Hampshire County Council, New Forest District Council and Marchwood Parish Council there was a scheme to improve the paths at the back of the Village Hall to incorporate the cycle scheme.

iii) Mr Spencer attended the meeting regarding Item 6 on the Agenda, application to purchase Open Space. He explained to members that there was a misunderstanding with his request. He wanted to build a garage on his property and requested that the open space that he already has a licence to cultivate was required to provide access i.e. a driveway.

Declarations of Interest

3. Cllrs Mr & Mrs Saxby declared a non-pecuniary interest on Item 9 on the Agenda.
Cllr K Petty declared a non-pecuniary interest on Item 7 on the Agenda.

Chairman's remarks

4. No remarks were made.

Minutes

5. **RESOLVED:** To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 14th April and 19th May as a correct record.

Purchase of public open space

6. Members explained that New Forest District Council were reluctant to sell any public open space. It was recommended that Mr Spencer approach NFDC and explain his requirement. Planning permission would be required for building a garage. To liaise with the Deputy Clerk for contact information.

Rocks for bottom of The Rowans

7. Cllr Petty wanted clarification that the logistics would all be in place with regard to the removal of the existing blocks and the siting of the new ones. Members requested clarification on what the rocks would look like and that there would be no sharp edges.

RESOLVED: To proceed with purchase of the rocks and bollards and liaise with the grounds man regarding installation.

Cleaning of War Memorial

8. Due to the 100th anniversary of the start of WWI a request has been received to have the memorial cleaned. One quote has been obtained for the sum of £720.00 + VAT.

RESOLVED: For the Deputy Clerk to obtain at least one more quote. Due to the fact there is currently £340.00 in the budget, it was agreed to fund the balance out of contingencies. To liaise with the Chairman and Vice-Chair once a second quote has been received.

Removal of tree stem/trunk – Woodpecker Drive

9. **RESOLVED:** It was agreed that no action is required and to leave the Stem/trunk as it is.

To receive a written report from the AMF Supervisor Tony Lavington

10. A written report was circulated to Members before the meeting. The details in the report is taken straight from the AMF Supervisors diary. (Appendix A)

No Ball Games request – Kestrel Close

11. A request for a 'No Ball Games' sign on a grassed area in front of residents houses. This is due to youths playing football on the area and some anti-social behaviour.

RESOLVED: The Members were very sympathetic but as this is designated public open space no action would be taken. The issues regarding anti-social behaviour should be reported to the police.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chairman

Report from the AMF Supervisor

- New summer grounds man Colin started
- The new sign was fitted to the Under 12's play area
- Fence at Cork Field broken and repaired
- Entrance sign into the Village (by the Pilgrim) had been graffiti sprayed on it – Tony as covered it up and another one on order at a cost of £140.00
- Alarm has gone off in the workshop. No sign of anything untoward.
- Goal post behind the Village Hall have been relocated – on the request from a resident.
- Gate removed/lifted off the hinges at bottom of field at Oaklands – lock and chain still in place. Put back and now installed locks on both ends
- All plants at entrance of Village stolen.
- Grass cutting in full swing
- Dog fouling still a big issue