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**Marchwood Parish Council**

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held via Zoom  
on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020 at 7.30pm

Councillors: Mr M Proctor (Chairman) – in the chair (P)

Councillors: Mr M Havercroft (P) Mrs A Hoare (P)  
Mr G Wright (P)  
Mr R Young (A)

(A) Absent (P) Present

In attendance: Mrs C Cockeram – Deputy Clerk to the Council

Also present: Cllrs M Saxby, P Mballa, District Cllr S Bennison and 2 member of the public

**Apologies for absence**

1. No apologies

**Public Participation**

2. No public participation.

**Declarations of Interest**

3. There were no declarations of interest made.

**Chairman's remarks**

4. No remarks.

**Minutes**

5. **RESOLVED:** To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 as a true record. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

**Lloyds Under 12's Play Area:**

6. The Deputy Clerk gave a verbal report that the play area has now been installed and already being enjoyed. The basket swing is awaiting installation but should be done this week.

**Tavells Lane**

7. A letter was delivered to the residents who's property backs onto the strip on land regarding the removal of the hedge for easy access and future maintenance. Three out of the four who received the letter had no objection. Members expressed their concerns regarding the impact on the 'street scene'.

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**RESOLVED:** It was agreed that the Deputy Clerk obtain two quotes. One for the complete removal of the hedge and the other to remove the larger trees and to reduce it to a manageable height. To discuss at the next meeting of the Amenities Committee.

**Strimming of the Canals:**

8. Residents requested that the canals at Admiralty Quay be left during the summer months to allow the wild flowers/grasses and insects to flourish.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to suspend from the regular cutting of the canals and promote local diversity. The canals will be cut in the Autumn/Winter but still proceed with the maintenance of the edges.

**Rails across the Canals:**

9. A request to place wooded barriers along side the canals to elevate the cycling.

**RESOLVED:** No action taken and to keep the matter under review.

**Southampton Football Club:**

10. Sustainability project working with SFC to sponsor a woodland space and enhance with responsible planting and wild flowers for the community to enjoy. Site identified at Cork Field, the old BMX tract.

**RESOLVED:** It was approved to proceed with the collaboration with Southampton Football Club and members were keen to see how the project progressed. They wanted reassurance that there would be no cost implications to the Parish Council, short or long term.

**Cork Field – BMX:**

11. Request to upgrade the BMX track to a Pump track at Cork Field.

**RESOLVED:** It was felt that the insurance implications regarding this would be too great a risk and that the area had now been approved for a woodland space. However, the need to provide a facility for the older age group in the village was highlighted. To form a working party consisting of Cllr Young & Wright.

**Footpaths:**

12. To upgrade the footpaths under the Parish Councils remit. There is a problem in the winter with mud created by the accumulation of rotting leaves on some footpaths. Members suggested that volunteers may be persuaded to assist with leaf clearing during the autumn and winter.

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**RESLOVED:** To enquire how much money is in the budget to improve the paths necessary within the village. To contact NFDC for advice. To report back to the next meeting of the Amenities.

**Cycle Rack – Village Centre:**

13. To provide a cycle rack in the Village Centre.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to proceed with the provision and instillation of a cycle rack. Goulding Properties to confirm in writing that they will cover both maintenance and insurance of the cycle racks once that they are in situ.

**Memorial Bench for John Lovell:**

14. Local resident John Lovell who was known round the village for litter picking sadly passed away. Residents lead by Sue Kerrigan-Harris set up a funding page in his memory. To date £1689.10 has been donated. It was suggested that a memorial bench be purchased and any monies remaining provide litter pickers etc for future events in his name.

**RESOLVED:** It was agreed to purchase the 'Victoria' bench and have routed inscription of: "In memory of John Lovell 1930 – 2020" The memorial bench will be sited by the Oak carving behind St. Johns Church. Any monies left over will reimburse Cllr Gary Wright for the purchase of the litter pickers / vests etc.

**Community Initiatives:**

- a) Litter picking: Cllr Wright reported the litter pick in memory of John Lovell was a great success. All COVID compliant, there were 82 participants and 63 bags of rubbish collected.
- b) Wild Flowers: Unfortunately, the areas designated in the village to leave for wild flowers to grow was mowed during lock down. Seeding of wild flowers will be incorporated into the Cork Field project.

**AMF Supervisor's report**

15. The AMF quarterly report was presented to councillors.

- Karl Smith started in April
- COVID19 problems – no summer groundsman
- Football started again when Government allowed
- New Play Area installed – Basket Swing arriving 22/09/20
- Rubber safety surface around the roundabout repaired
- 2 x patches at the Under 12's play area repaired
- Fly tipping still a problem – Cork Field / Cork Lane
- Small amount of graffiti at skate park – painted over
- Grass cutting & strimming started

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- Orchard growing well – some fruits
- 58 plate pick up passed MOT
- Canals at Admiralty Quay left for wild flowers
- Middle of Cork Field left uncut for wild flowers
- Mowing the footpath round Cork Field
- Picnic table at Cork Field broken and now repaired
- Ditch opposite the Roebuck all cleared out and area cleared
- Graffiti on Falkland all cleared off – dog mess removed
- Dog mess in and outside the Under 12's play area – all cleared up and washed down
- Flower boat all painted
- New strimmer purchased (old one was 12 years old)
- Dog mess still a major problem

Members expressed their thanks to the ground staff for all their hard work during the 'shutdown' COVID19. At the recent litter pick, it was also mentioned how lovely the village looked and was maintained.

**Parish Council Amenities Committee priorities for 2020/21**

16.

- a) Healthy walks and footpaths around the Village: Cllr Mrs Hoare to liaise with NFDC to see how this is progressing.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.53pm