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Marchwood Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee
on Monday 14th June 2021 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors: Mr M Havercroft (P)
Mr G Wright (P)
Mr R Young (A)
Mr B Bucknell (P)
Mr J Case (P)

(A) Absent (P) Present

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

Also present: District Cllr Bennison and Mr M Saxby

Apologies for absence

1. Cllr R Young

Public Participation

2. District Cllr Mrs Bennison wanted to discuss Item 11, wild flowers

Declarations of Interest

3. There were no declarations of interest.

Chairman's remarks

4. No report to receive. The Chair asked for this item to be removed from future agendas.

Election of Vice Chairman

RESOLVED: That Cllr Havercroft be elected at Vice Chairman.

Minutes

5. **RESOLVED:** To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 19th April 2021 as true record.

AMF Supervisors Report:

6. The AMF Supervisors report was presented to the Committee.

- Summer Groundsman started on the 4th May – Paul Fisher
- Grass cutting and strimming in full swing

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- Plants and flowers planted at the Falklands ready for 8th June
- Orchard Trees producing flowers and fruit
- Wild flowers in the canals at Admiralty Quay – did a site visit with Cllr Wright
- Play Area at Admiralty Quay closed off for repair – due on the 14th June
- Football season now finished (still keeping pitch marked out)
- Some dog bins in need of repairing (old and rusted out)
- Small amount of fly tipping in Cork Lane/Cork field
- Broken glass at the skate park on a regular basis
- Graffiti on the Under 12's play area – cleaned off immediately
- Village News Delivered
- Litter improved since volunteers however still a lot of broken glass especially after the weekends. Dog fouling still an issue.

The Deputy Clerk reported that a bat box had been donated to the Council and that it will be placed on the Oak Tree in St John's field.

Members requested that the two old dog bins be replaced and to confirm this at the next meeting of the Amenities Committee.

It was also noted that the dog and rubbish bins at the bottom of footpath 501 needs replacing. This comes under NFDC remit. District Cllr Sue Bennison to make enquires.

Replacement of tree:

7. The common ash tree that was felled adjacent to 45 Kingfisher Way. Recommendation from the Arboricultural officer at NFDC for the stump to be left in situ and a replacement tree be planted due to the historic protection.

RESOLVED: Members agreed for a replacement tree that is hardy and indigenous to the area at a cost of no more than £300.00. To seek advise from the NFDC corporate tree officer.

Wild Flower Planting:

8. See Cllr Wrights Report Appendix A.

He also added that the local schools would like to be involved in the project and could possibly do some signage illustrating the flowers and what they are called. The local Conservation Group would also be involved and would assist with the planting.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to hire a scarifier for the day and to purchase 200g for wild flower seed. The approximate cost would be £200.00

Admiralty Quay Canals: There has been approximately 40 flowering species identified, one identified as quite rare. Recommendation for the Parish Council to work along side the Conservation Volunteers who will assist in maintaining the area. PDF's will be produced informing residents what the wild flower species are. The edges of the canals will be maintained and once a year the Conservation Volunteers will cut the canals.

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Cllr Bennison spoke about the grassed area adjacent to the waterfront by former RNAD site at Admiralty Way. This area is now being converted into a wild flower meadow and although looks like it's not being maintained or the wild flowers growing it is. There are a few Docks and Mallow growing amongst the wild flowers so these will be removed.

Reduction of two trees along footpath:

9. A resident has requested the permission to trim back two trees that are adjacent to his property. The Oak trees are very large and encroaching his front and back garden.

RESOLVED: To take advice from the corporate tree officer at NFDC.

Community Initiatives:

10 (a) Litter picking: Cllr Wright reported that another successful litter pick had taken place. There was a noticeable improvement and this was largely due to the Army doing a litter pick recently.

He also advised member he had a dedicated Facebook page for Marchwood Litter Pickers.

Cllr Wright has been in discussion with Goulden Properties who own and maintain the area by the Village shops. There is a number of areas where trees used to be sited. It has been suggested that Cherry trees be planted back and the possibility of local businesses contributing to the scheme. Local residents have also offered to assist. Further updates at the next meeting.

10 (b) Wild Flowers: As above.

Parish Council Amenities Committee priorities for 2020/21

11. Healthy walks and footpaths around the Village:

The following items were brought to the committee's attention.

- The Deputy Clerk was asked to recover archived documents outlining the circular walking route proposal in 2015/16. Cllr Bennison will forward what information she has. To liaise with the Clerk and to seek how much S106 money was available.
- District Councillor Bennison identified the ownership of a parcel of land by the waterfront by Marchwood Yacht Club belongs to HCC.
- Cllr Wright now has a prototype App to promote healthy walks throughout the village and is currently working with two residents to pin point local historic point for the App.
- The Chairman requested that we proceed with the App while awaiting to hear from District regarding the walking routes round the village.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.29pm

Wildflower Projects

Village Center Area

As per the images on the following page, the grass area opposite the Roebuck has been suggested by myself, Tony Lavington and Paul Fisher for a new Village wildflower area.

It is proposed that late August / September, the ground is scarified and seeded ready for next Spring.

At the time of writing, Paul Fisher is currently pricing up the seed for the area, I hope to have this information in time for the meeting on the 14th June. To hire a scarifier for a day would be approximately £80 should we decide to do this with powered equipment.

I have met with both school headteachers following the resolution of full council to form a schools liaison group. Both are keen to get involved with the project including potentially:

- Scattering the seed.
- Producing temporary signage once the seed has been sown (by way of laminated sheets). These could be attached to a temporary fence around the area to let people know what is happening.
- Visiting the site in the spring / summer to hopefully identify successful species that have grown.
- If the project is successful, there is potential to install a more permanent information board.

It is thought that getting school children involved will give them a sense of ownership of projects happening in their own village.



Admiralty Canals

Currently the ground staff are not strimming these areas to allow wildflowers to grow.

The plant species in flower at the moment are currently being identified by Paul Fisher. Again, I hope to have this list in time for the meeting on the 14th June.

It has been suggested that Marchwood Parish Council work with the Marchwood Conservation Volunteers to look after this habitat going forward to help it to thrive. An information board letting people know that the area has been designated for wildlife and what plant species can be spotted could also be considered here.