

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 17th November 2021

Present: Councillor N Hill in the chair.
Councillors M Barton and C Sizeland.

In Attendance: Mrs E Howe – Assistant to the Clerk
Mrs S Stockdale - Clerk
Mr P Brown – Park Manager

Apologies: Cllr Adshead and Cllr Walters

Absence: Cllr Beswick

22/309 Public Speaking

There was one member of the public present.

22/310 To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd June 2021

Minutes numbered 22/75 to 22/93 were presented.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman of the committee be authorised to sign the Minutes as being a true and correct record.

22/311 Variation of Business

None.

22/312 Report and update from Assistant Clerk

The correct application forms received from DCC to install an object on a highway were submitted to DCC on 20th August 2021, we are still awaiting a response from DCC.

It was reported correspondence has been received from DCC stating that all future applications will be subject to a £100 fee.

Resolved: The assistant Clerk will clarify the fee with DCC.

The three picnic tables ordered earlier this year have been installed in the Memorial Park and Needhams. A further four benches were ordered on 17th August 2021, we are still awaiting delivery.

Resolved: Action, the Park Manager is to install the picnic tables when they arrive. It was agreed two tables would be located next to the play area in Dove Holes and the remaining two will be installed in the Memorial Park, location to be decided.

It was reported the metal benches for the play area in the Memorial Park have been received and installed. It was agreed to purchase a further two benches to add additional seating in the play area.

Resolved: Action, Assistant Clerk to purchase two benches at a cost of £273 each.

It was reported the replacement granite Target Wall plaque has been received and installed.

It was reported there are 5 people on the waiting list for an allotment at the Dove Holes site. It was reported 3 plots have just had their leases terminated and that these plots could be split in two.

Resolved: It was agreed the three plots be split and the Park Manager is to mark out the new split plots.

22/313 Park Managers Report & work plan.

Hedge planting in the corner of the park near the MUGA will be undertaken by the Park Staff, in the coming weeks. Funds have been secured from HPBC.

Bird and wildlife friendly hedging has been purchased from RSPB and the park staff are currently creating a woodland conservation area within the park. An application has been made to the Woodland Trust to secure saplings to aid with the wooded area.

Site visits have been undertaken by companies to sandblast and repair of the main Memorial Park gates however only 2 quotations have been received.

Skate park surface repairs have been sought, only one quotation has been received.

Resolved: It was agreed the Clerk will inform the Council's insurance company of the reasons for the delay in repairing the surface.

A date has been arranged for an electrical survey to be undertaken of the Memorial Park staff hut and pavilion.

All machinery will be serviced this year.

The MUGA fencing extension has been recycled to make compost bins.

22/314 Trailer Quotations

Quotations have been received to purchase a new tipping trailer. Cheshire Trailers £5871.60 exc. VAT and Bateson £4000.00 exc. VAT.

Resolved: It was agreed to purchase the Bateson trailer for a cost of £4000 exc. VAT and also purchase the cage adaption for an additional £400 exc. VAT.

22/315 SHIFT report – Agree an implementation plan & possible additional administration support to deliver the action plan.

It was agreed to defer this item until the next amenities meeting.

22/316 Rebound fencing report – Cllr Adshead and Cllr Hill

It was agreed to defer this item until the next amenities meeting.

22/317 Motion from Cllr Gourlay – This Council asks for costings to be produced for a meeting place for teenagers, sheltered from the rain, one option being an architectural bandstand.

It was agreed to defer the decision relating to the shelter until the next amenities meeting however costs for circular tree benches are to be obtained and trees this would be suitable for identified.

Resolved: The Assistant Clerk is to obtain quotations and the Park Manager is to identify trees.

22/318 Motion from Cllr Walters – To purchase additional bins & benches for the Memorial Park.

Cllr Walters joined the meeting at 8.07pm

No new benches are required however it was agreed to purchase five new black plastic bins to match the ones already sited in the Memorial Park.

Resolved: The Assistant Clerk is to purchase five new bins.

Cllr Walters left the meeting at 8.14pm

22/319 Cllr Beswick – Things to discuss regarding the allotment sites:

Waiting list priority

Allotment clearing & marking

Allotment size/allocation

Allotment association/rules

Allotment pricing

Greenhouses/Sheds planning permission

It was agreed to defer this item until the next amenities meeting.

22/320 Motion from Cllr Sizeland – The Council resolves to obtain quotations for the replacement of the ‘Welcome’ sign near the Hanging Gate Public House.

Resolved: The Assistant Clerk is to obtain quotations for a weatherproof Replacement.

22/321 Refurbishment of the plaque on the well at Sparrowpit

Resolved: The Park Manager will repaint the lettering on the plaque.

22/322 Covid Commemorative tree planting

HPBC have offered us an oak tree to be planted the Memorial Park in memory of local people who have passed away due to COVID.

Resolved: Agreed to accept HPBC offer and Cllr Hill and the Park Manager are to meet and agree the site for the new tree.

22/323 Motion from Cllr Hill – To explore the possibility of having the pollarded ash tree stump closest to the MUGA chainsaw sculpted as a prominent feature of the Memorial Park.

Resolved: It was agreed to engage local residents in deciding on the design and the Assistant Clerk is to seek suggestions via the Councils Social Media platforms.

Cllr Walters joined the meeting at 8.30pm

22/324 Pollarded ash trees – Eco plugged

A question has been raised about the regrowth of the pollarded ash trees in the Memorial Park and the possible reinfection of ash dieback.

Resolved: The Park Manager reported he had sought advice from HPBC Arboricultural Officer who advised against Eco Plugging as there is a very possibility of reinfection.

22/325 Dove Holes allotment fencing

It was reported the fencing has been repaired and will be secure for many years to come.

22/326 Grit bins update – Cllr Adshead

It was agreed to defer this item until the next amenities meeting.

22/327 First Aid Training for Park Staff

The insurance company has rated the Memorial Park as a medium risk and it is therefore advisable to have at least one first aid trained member of staff.

Resolved: Training be arranged for the Park Manager and Mr. Johnson.

22/328 Queens Jubilee Celebrations

The Assistant Clerk made the committee aware that the Queens Jubilee will take place in June 2022 and preparations need to begin.

Resolved: The Assistant Clerk and Councillors are to invite members of the public to form a working group.

22/329 Van Lease for use by Park Staff

It was proposed a leased van be investigated for park staff use as the staff

currently use their own cars.

Resolved: The Park Manager is to make enquires and obtain costs.

22/330 Correspondence –

PSCO Green – Request for possible installation of street planters at Thornell Close.

Resolved: It was agreed to decline the request as the land is owned by HPBC.

A request has been made to plant a tree in the Memorial Park to mark the Queens Jubilee.

Resolved: The Park Manager is to meet with the resident to identify the species of tree required and the best planting location.

A complaint has been received from a local resident after being hit by a ball originating from the MUGA following the removal of some of the fencing.

Resolved: Cllr Hill will contact the complainant to discuss. The Clerk is to inform the Councils insurance company of the incident.

A request has been made via Cllr Gourlay for a litter bin to be installed at the bus stop opposite Halls Mica outside Town End Methodist Church.

Resolved: A wall mountable litter bin is to be purchased and installed on the bus top by the Park Manager.

22/331 Any other business

None.

22/332 Date to be set for the next full Amenities Committee meeting.

Next meeting will be held on 15th December 2021.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.03pm

CHAIRMAN