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Marchwood Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Meeting of Marchwood Parish Council held at Marchwood Village Hall on Monday 13th November 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors N Buckett, J Case, D Hindle, M Proctor, P Mballa, M Saxby & L Shelley.

Also Present: District Cllr Rich Young and Gary Wright.

In attendance: C Cockeram, Deputy Parish Clerk and Tony Lavington AMF Supervisor.

Apologies

AM/23/028 – Cllr Leath gave apologies (work reasons).

Declarations of Interest

AM/23/029 – There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.

Public Participation

AM/23/030 – The Chairman was happy for Gary Wright to raise his comments during the meeting.

District Cllr Rich Young was present to report on the Telephone Kiosk.

Minutes

AM/23/031 - RESOLVED – to accept the minutes of the Amenities meeting held on Monday 4th September 2023 as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

Chairman's Report

AM/23/032 – Cllr Buckett thanked Tony for attending the meeting. He then went on to explain that he had made his report in the December edition of the Village News explaining what the Parish maintain in the village, the budget and what is planned for the future.

Budget Income and Expenditure up to 6/11/2023

AM/23/033 RESOLVED: Noted. The Chairman also acknowledged that there was an increase in spend for trees. There is a five-year plan to smooth out for sudden rushes but in the short term there needs to be enough money to cover the unexpected. There are a lot of Ash trees in the Village and Ash dieback will become an issue.

AMF Supervisors Report

AM/23/034 – The report was noted. The Chairman thanked the ground staff again for all their hard work. He also thanked them for assisting with the planting of the crocus by the Roebuck. Tony explained that along with Gary Wright that 27 bird boxes had been placed on trees throughout the village

The Chairman then suggested walking tours of the village, so residents have a clear idea of what the Parish Council maintain.

Members then asked about the expansion tank valve that has been fitted at the pavilion and

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what it entailed. This was necessary as the tank had filled with water and now we will be able to drain this and it will elevate any future problems.

Canals at Admiralty Quay

An in-depth discussion was held regarding the canals and the responses from the letter drop to residents. Out of the 50 letters we had received 16 responses. Gary Wright acknowledged that the feedback from the consultation would not please everyone. He suggested that a way of compromise would be the canals cut once a year to a meadow cut using the hedge cutters. The Conservation volunteers would then rake up the cut material. Members discussed alternatives and what is good for future maintenance, meeting residents' expectations and cost.

AM/23/035: RESOLVED: It was recommended that a winter cut was scheduled before the end of the year with the ground staff using hedge cutters to meadow cut. The Conservation volunteers will then rake up the cuttings.

To have a manageable and viable plan. If capacity and resources are inadequate, then a cut off must be made. If it is deemed that the project is unsustainable, the Council will review in the New Year.

To advise and consult the residents as to what is happening.

Telephone Kiosk:

District Cllr Rich Young gave a small synopsis of the history of the telephone box. It is now 10 years old but unfortunately due to Covid it was closed. In July 2022 he put a request on social media asking residents if they were interested in reinstating the telephone box as an information centre with books etc. He had a positive response.

AM/23/035: Cllr Young to go forward with reinstating the telephone box and work with the volunteers who offered to assist.

Footpath leading from Lloyd Rec to Main Road:

AM/23/036: Members noted the letter of concern regarding the footpath but this does not come under the Parish Councils remit and is maintained by HCC. For the Deputy Clerk to advise the resident of this.

Tree Survey 2023/2024:

AM/23/037: Members noted the tree survey.

Community Initiatives – To discuss the following:

AM/23/038 - Litter picking – this was carried out on the 25th October with 17 black sacks collected. It was noted that there was less litter this time. The next litter pick is scheduled for 13th January 2024. They are usually every three months.

AM/23/039 - Wildflowers – The Conservation Group meadow cut and raked Cork Field. This was done by hand with scythes and sickles as the mechanical cutter is broken. The Conservation Group is 30 years old this year.

Crooked Hayes Copse is due to be done this month. (November)

Parish Council Amenities Committee priorities for 2024/25

AM/23/040 - Healthy Walks around the Village: There has been no further updates. The

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District Councillors were asked to contact those involved at NFDC and to provide the officers with an update.

Correspondences:

AM/23/041: The Men Shed have been offered a boat that needs some work done to it. He has asked if the Council would like it. Tony and Gary will go and take a look as the boat and make the decision.

The meeting closed at 8.57pm. The date of the next meeting will be 12th February 2024.