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Marchwood Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Meeting of Marchwood Parish Council held at Marchwood Village Hall on Monday 12th February 2024 at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance: C Cockeram, Deputy Parish Clerk.

Apologies

AM/24/042 – Cllr Leath gave apologies (personal reasons).

Declarations of Interest

AM/24/043 – There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.

Public Participation

AM/24/044 – There were no members of the public.

Minutes

AM/24/045 - RESOLVED – to accept the minutes of the Amenities meeting held on Monday 13th November 2023 as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

Chairman's Report

AM/24/046 – Cllr Buckett 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.

Budget Income and Expenditure up to 31/10/2023

AM/24/047 - RESOLVED: Noted: Members also noted an increase in spend for Open Space and Pavilion and Workshop. It was explained that H&S works were carried out and a lot of these were one off payments and in accordance with the five-year plan to smooth out for sudden rushes. It was suggested that the possibility of a narrative could be added to explain this in future.

AMF Supervisors Report

AM/24/048 – The report was noted.

- Expansion tank in the Pavilion replaced by Aquacare.
- Motor bike on the football pitch – filled in the ruts.
- Delivered December Village News
- Damage to the works van – no witnesses.
- Delivered letters to Admiralty Quay ref: the canals.
- Two new tyres for machine.
- Repaired phone box – 5 panels.
- Air ambulance landed in Lloyd Recreation Ground.
- Play Inspection all done.

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- Flail decks removed from the machines.
- Replaced roller bearings.
- Sharpened blades on flair decks
- Started to cut canals.
- Hedge at St. Johns cut by contractor.
- Works van sent for repair.
- Football on going.
- Damage to playhouse at Lloyds Rec – all repaired.

Canals at Admiralty Quay

AM/24/049: RESOLVED: The Parish Council take back full control of the canals and manage them from now on. Once the last canal is cut a letter to be delivered to the residents advising them of the resolution.

Noticeboards:

AM/24/050: Members discussed the condition and siting of the 4 noticeboards around the village. It was agreed that the Village Centre noticeboard, as the most recent required no change.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that the remaining boards be replaced within the next four years. The Lloyd Recreation noticeboard be replaced this financial year 2023/24 using monies from the EMR 321 Community Infrastructure. The remaining boards to be inspected in the interim to determine if any in house works can be done to improve them.

Play Inspections:

AM/24/051: Members noted the play inspections.

Community Initiatives – To discuss the following:

AM/24/052 - Litter picking – On the 13 January, volunteers collected 20 black bags full, weighing in at 56kg and 8kg of cans that will go to raise funds for Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance. The next community litter pick will take place on the 20th April at 10am behind St. John's Church. In between the community events, many of the pickers are covering their own 'patch' regularly.

AM/24/053 - Wildflowers – Whilst it is too early to see signs of wildflowers in our meadows, the Marchwood Conservation Volunteers have had two sessions coppicing the Hazel in Crooked Hayes Copse. This allows more light to reach the forest floor increasing biodiversity.

Parish Council Amenities Committee priorities for 2024/25

AM/24/054 - Healthy Walks around the Village: There has been no further updates from NFDC.

AM/24/055 – The Chairman will speak to Gary Wright regarding the App and the possibility of adding to it.

RESOLVED: To consider reinstating the mobile App to promote healthy walks around the village and to include the bird box routes. To include maps of the walks in the noticeboards.

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Correspondences:

AM/24/056: There was no correspondence.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm. The date of the next meeting will be 15th April 2024.