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Marchwood Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Meeting of Marchwood Parish Council held at Marchwood Hub, Lloyd Recreation Ground, Main Road on Monday 10 March 2025 at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors N Buckett, J Case, P Mballa, L Shelley, D Hindle, M Proctor and K Petty.

In attendance: Angela Woodward, Deputy Parish Clerk/RFO.

Apologies

AC/25/026 – apologies for absence was received from Cllr Leath and Cllr Saxby due to prior engagements

Resolved – apologies for absence from Cllrs Leath and Saxby were approved.

Declarations of Interest

AC/25/027 – There were no declaration of interest for this meeting.

Public Participation

AC/25/028 – Community Volunteer, Mr G Wright, attended the Committee on a number of items, agenda item 5, Community Activities.

Minutes:

AC/25/029 - Resolved – to accept the minutes of the Amenities meeting held on Monday 11 September 2024 as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

Community Activities

AC/25/030 – Mr Wright addressed the Committee to update Councillors on the Marchwood Mens' Shed activities. **Bat Boxes** – The volunteers had constructed some bat boxes and hoped to site them around the village. They need to be fitted at around 4m high using a wire brace and lagging, so no nails would be used. Various locations were discussed including Crooked Hayes Copse and Cork Field. It was recommended that the first site for installation be along the new Kingfisher Way to Normandy Road footpath upgrade. Details could be included on the information boards.

Councillors stated that no bat boxes were to be sited at Cork Field or on any Ash trees.

The Men's shed would be happy to install them should MPC staff not be able too.

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Councillors encouraged the Men's Shed to seek approval from other landowners in the village.

Bat Walk – A 'Bat Walk' around the village using bat detectors would be undertaken alongside senior rangers at Lepe Country Park. A member of the Hampshire Bat Group would also be willing to organise the walk.

Bird Boxes – He reported that some of the 30 bird boxes on the trail have lost their lids and needed replacing. They would like to replace them with new improved bird boxes.

Wood Storage – Following a request for the Mens Shed to remove timber from behind the ground staff workshop due to fire risk a request was made to place a container to the front right side of the workshop. This would meet the fire risk requirements and provide security.

The Mens Shed offered to hire a skip and clear the large amount of green waste that has been put there over the years.

It was confirmed that this would not affect any neighboring properties due to fences, the bank and tree line.

The Committee highlighted the need for the ground staff to be able to open the workshop doors properly.

Resolved –

- Bat Boxes – agreed in principle. Need to locate exact trees and discuss with MPC staff who would check the individual trees with the tree specialist.
- Bat Walk – it was agreed that the bat walks are a great idea for the village schools and wider community.
- Shed Keys – MPC would provide a set of keys to be given to a designated person.
- Bird Boxes – it was agreed the damaged bird boxes would be replaced in consultation with ground staff.
- Container – the siting of a container was agreed in principle. There was a need to clear the area and check the width for the potential container. Office staff would contact NFDC planning team and The Charity Commission to check if there are any restrictions to siting the container.

Grounds Maintenance Team Leader Report

AC/25/031 – Members noted the report.

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Councillor Bucket praised the ground staff for coming up with some brilliant money saving ideas. They are communicating very well with the office staff and all working as a great team.

Councillor Proctor requested that the ground staff check the footpaths in Kingfisher, Bilbury and The Gulls of leaves and mud as they were very dangerous.

It was reported that the ground staff have jet washed the playparks however, further cleaning was required.

Verbal Update given on Open Spaces within the Village

AC/25/032 – A verbal update was given by the Deputy Clerk

Cork Lane Ditch the vegetation had been cleared and the ditch cleared. Culverts had been re-positioned so the water should be improved.

Work had been undertaken by NFDC at the Normandy Road end.

Trees/Hedges Remaining tree works have been scheduled for Cork Lane, Tides Way and St Johns Field subject to the ground conditions being dry enough.

A hedge has been removed in Oaklands Park.

Seating & Bins & Noticeboard Two seats have been removed due to vandalism consequently they had become dangerous for residents to sit on them: one from behind St Johns Church and one from behind the Village Hall.

Two broken bins had also been removed from open spaces due to being rusty, and one Noticeboard has been removed from Staplewood Lane.

Lloyd Recreation Ground – Courts A quotation had been received for new pin code locks for the 3G/Tennis courts. Fitting will be undertaken as soon as possible.

Lloyd Recreation Ground – Pavillion The electric roller shutter to the main door was broken and the Hub door also required repair. Quotation for a replacement shutter have been sought.

Alarms – Following the scheduled servicing of the intruder alarm, fire alarm, emergency lighting, CCTV system a replace bulkhead light in the gent's toilet was required.

Fire Assessment work – Following the fire risk assessment a smoke detector in loft space & 2 Light Beacons will be required. Further works will be actioned in the coming months.

Other - The Hybrid van is now being utilised.

Two ground staff have successfully completed a spraying course allowing for improved weed control.

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Income & Expenditure

AC/25/033 – Resolved - the income & expenditure was noted with overspends being explained.

The meeting closed at 9.02pm. The date of the next meeting will be 9 June 2025.