

WEST MALLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY 2015, 7.30PM AT VILLAGE HALL, NORMAN ROAD, WEST MALLING

Present: Mr P Stevens (Chairman)
Mr R Selkirk
Mrs A Turner
Co-Opted Members:
Mr M Doyle
Miss I Macdonald
Mr J Musker

Mrs Sarah Howard (Assistant Clerk , minute-taker)

Minute		Action by	Action taken	Response
15/74	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs Y Smyth , Mr A West and co-opted members Rev David Green and Val Valvassura.			
15/75	DECLARATION OF INTEREST – none other than those already routinely declared.			
15/76	MINUTES of the meeting held on 12 th January 2015 were approved and signed.			
15/77	MATTERS ARISING from the minutes not otherwise on the agenda			
	(15/30) Allotment Hedge –it was NOTED that Turfsoil have confirmed that they are hoping to carry out the works in mid-February subject to dry ground conditions particularly on the cricket ground side of the allotments.			
	(14/562) Macey's Meadow - Mr Doyle reported that there were no grants available from the Magnificent Meadows Project to turn Macey's Meadow into hay meadows.			
	(15/26.2) Village Green/Open Spaces – Draft List – Mr Stevens asked if Mr Selkirk had received a reply from the Borough Council. Mr Selkirk was still awaiting a response.	RS		
15/78	CHURCHYARD			
	Report Rev Green provided a briefing note, about the Churchyard, in his absence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The church look forward to Turfsoil starting work for 2015 soon. Down to Earth are due on site on Monday, 9th February 2015 and Tuesday, 10th February to carry out the works previously agreed. The church are just rounding up the last of the residents' permissions to access gardens for the work on the trees that line the back of Churchfields. Mr Musker, Rev Green and a man from the Diocese are meeting a technician from South East Water on Monday, 9th February 2015 to investigate the problems with overly large water bills and whether the standpipe in the Churchyard has undiagnosed problems causing the big bills. Mr Musker reported that due to a timing misunderstanding South East Water did not turn up at the agreed time slot. They will arrange another meeting with them.			

	<u>Site Meeting</u>			
	The Assistant Clerk reported that the Clerk had spoken to Rev Green regarding setting up a site meeting. Rev Green said he would be happy to host a meeting but did not think one was necessary at this time. Mr Stevens proposed that a site meeting be deferred until after May 2015; this was seconded by Mr Selkirk.			
	<u>Any Other Churchyard Matters</u>			
	Miss Macdonald said that the church will be hosting their first working party of the year on Saturday, 7 th March 2015. Starting at 10am for one hour. (7.50pm Miss Macdonald and Mr Musker left the meeting)			
15/79	<u>MACEY'S MEADOW</u>			
	It was noted that DRAFT minutes of the meeting held on 28 th January 2015 had been received. Mr Doyle reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They have been clearing the recent storm damage, cutting wood into chippings and spreading on the paths • The second wildflower area had been fenced off • Hawthorn on allotment boundary to be dealt with • Magnificent Meadows are unable to offer grants but do have a pool of equipment for cutting and baling. They can take the hay bales if not saleable. • Magnificent Meadows and the Orchard Project will be liaising on plans for a joint launch event in the meadow. The 9th May 2015 is a possibility. They hope this will encourage new members. • Orchard Project Group will be carrying out various surveys on wildlife and hope to include the local schools. 			
15/80	<u>FOOTBALL PITCH</u>			
	It was noted that a request had been received from the existing club to allow another of their teams to use the pitch on alternate Sundays. The Clerk has sought advice from Turfsoil and a reply is awaited.	Clerk	✓	
	<u>End of Season Treatment</u>	Clerk		
	The existing club have requested that the goal mouths be re-seeded at the end of the season, they have indicated their willingness to contribute to the cost. The Clerk has sought costings from Turfsoil. A reply is awaited.			
15/81	<u>CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA</u>			
	<u>Repairs to play equipment</u>			
	It was noted that repairs to the play equipment had been authorised, costing £763.50 + VAT, as detailed in the inspection report from Craigdene.			
	<u>Inspections</u>			
	It was noted that Mrs Cook of Craigdene is unable to carry out the inspections because of undergoing surgery so she has arranged for one of her colleagues to carry out the work.			
15/82	<u>TOURISM ENTERTAINMENT AND THE ARTS</u>			
	It was noted that a newsletter had been received from Applause listing their programme for 2015.			
15/83	<u>QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS</u>	SH		
	Mr Selkirk said that there are now two teams playing back to back on the Cricket Club ground and that he was concerned about the effect this would have on the ground. He also commented			

	<p>on the use of bad language of the spectators. The Assistant Clerk said she would speak with the Clerk .</p> <p>Mrs Turner said about the state of the Ladies Toilets in West Malling. The Assistant Clerk was asked to report this to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council.</p> <p>Mr Stevens asked about the benches on the land West of Age Concern. The Assistant Clerk was asked to get quotes for their replacement.</p>			
	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting -</u> Monday 9th March 2015 – concentrating on Allotments Subsequent meeting dates to be confirmed.</p>			
	<p>There being no further business, the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 8.25p.m.</p> <p>Signed.....</p> <p>Date.....</p>			