

# WEST MALLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE  
HELD ON MONDAY 10 DECEMBER 2018 AT 7.30PM  
AT VILLAGE HALL, NORMAN ROAD, WEST MALLING

**Present**            **Mr N Stapleton (Chairman)**  
                         **Mrs L Javens**  
                         **Miss G Barkham**  
                         **Ms Stacpoole**  
                         **Ms C Medhurst**

**Also in Attendance:**  
**Mrs Sarah Howard (Assistant Clerk)**  
**One Resident**

Minute		Action by	Action	Response
18/699	<b><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></b> were received from Mr P Stevens, Mr M Doyle and Ms I Macdonald, Rev D Green and Mr J Musker			
18/700	<b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></b> – none other than those routinely declared.			
18/701	<b><u>MINUTES</u></b> - the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12 November 2018 were approved and signed.			
18/702	<b><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></b>  <b><u>(18/634) - Refund of Allotment Deposit 25A</u></b>  The Assistant Clerk reported that allotment plot 25A was now vacant. She had inspected the plot and it has been left in a very good state. It was agreed that the deposit of £25 be refunded.			
18/703	<b><u>CHURCHYARD</u></b>			
703.1	<b><u>Report by Rev David Green</u></b>  In the absence of Rev Green there was no report.			
703.2	<b><u>Topple Testing</u></b>  It was noted that topple testing will be taking place on Thursday 13 December 2018.			
18/704	<b><u>MACEY'S MEADOW</u></b>  Ms Stacpoole asked if there was any further news on the bench. The Assistant Clerk to speak with Mr Doyle.  The Assistant Clerk reported that she was awaiting a reply from Waste Services regarding the re-siting of the dog bin at the entrance to the meadow opposite Alma Road.	SH		

	<p>Mrs Javens said that a section of the hedge on the boundary of Norman Road was very sparse. Ms Stacpoole said that volunteers had removed the clematis growing in the hedge. It may be necessary to replant saplings in the Spring.</p> <p>Ms Stacpoole asked if the trough in the Meadow will be filled for wildlife to drink from. The Assistant Clerk said that the water will not be turned on until March and that the trough will be filled by volunteers. Ms Stacpoole said she would fill it.</p>			
<b>18/705</b>	<p><b><u>PLAYING FIELD</u></b></p> <p>Mr Stapleton reported that when the additional security fencing was installed next to the village hall the contractor had installed a pedestrian kissing gate instead of a mobility gate. The gate has now been replaced. The contractor has invoiced for the works with an additional £500.00 for the new gate. The Clerk had obtained a breakdown of costs for the gates, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobility kissing gate £422.10</li> <li>• Pedestrian kissing gate £382.10.</li> </ul> <p>After discussion it was agreed that an additional payment of £40.00 be made, being the difference between the two gates. It was felt that the Parish Council should not pay for a pedestrian gate which would be of no use. It was agreed to refer the decision to F&amp;GP for approval.</p>			
<b>18/706</b>	<p><b><u>CRICKET MEADOW</u></b></p> <p>There were no Cricket Meadow matters.</p>			
<b>18/707</b>	<p><b><u>BALL PARK</u></b></p> <p>The Assistant Clerk reported that after the removal of the cherry trees 3 concrete posts, old buried wire and a stump with embedded wire remained. Due to health and safety of users of the ball park it had been necessary to obtain a quote for their removal for the sum of £200.00. It was agreed that this quote be accepted and funded out of ball park maintenance.</p>			
<b>18/708</b>	<p><b><u>VILLAGE HALL</u></b></p> <p>Mrs Javens attended the VHMC meeting and reported, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They are pleased with the re-positioning of the planters.</li> <li>• Comment was made regarding an additional boulder on the grass area between the boundary hedge and the first tree. Members of the Parish Council felt that it would not be possible to get a larger vehicle through the gap.</li> <li>• The Parish Clerk and a member of VHMC will be discussing the website.</li> <li>• Mr Gosney is looking into the provision of solar panels. He will be meeting with a representative of a company, that provided panels at Lenham Community Centre, to obtain an assessment.</li> <li>• They thanked the Parish Council for the £3,000 contribution.</li> </ul> <p>Comment was made regarding the annual contribution for 2019/20. This is to be discussed further at F&amp;GP.</p>			
<b>18/709</b>	<p><b><u>RECYCLING/WASTE SERVICES</u></b></p> <p>Ms Barkham reported that she had spoken to Waste Services and they informed her that the coloured glass is collected weekly, brown every 4 weeks and cans every 2 weeks. They said they were experiencing problems due to being one vehicle down. To be monitored.</p>			
<b>18/710</b>	<p><b><u>PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY</u></b></p>			

	<b><u>Proposed Diversion of Footpath MR136, West Malling</u></b>			
	It was noted that this diversion had been discussed at Full Council and members agreed to support the rerouting of footpath MR136. Although we acknowledge that the existing route lies upon the original line of Old Ryarsh Lane we note the benefits of increased privacy that the modified route gives to the applicants in what is in an isolated location.			
<b>18/711</b>	<b><u>FINANCE</u></b>			
	<b><u>Consideration of Budget for 2019/20</u></b>			
	The Assistant Clerk reported that the budget figure for the Twitch services will be less than proposed. This will be amended at F&GP.			
	<b><u>Accounts for Payment</u></b>			
	Accounts for payment - £482.58 were approved. See attached.			
<b>18/712</b>	<b><u>QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS</u></b>			
	There were no questions.			
	<b><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b> – Monday 14 January 2019 (concentrating on Allotments)			
	There being no further business the Chairman thanked Members for attending and closed the meeting at 8.04 p.m.			
	Signed..... Date.....			

**Accounts for Payment 10 December 2018**

**cheques to be drawn**

Elm Header Account (cheque 5576) (Twitch – Quarterly charges for insurance, water & electricity)		£ 62.58
Thomas Ford & Partners (cheque 5577)	£350.00	
	VAT <u>70.00</u>	£ 420.00
	TOTAL:	£482.58