

# WEST MALLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE  
HELD ON MONDAY 11 MARCH 2019 AT 7.30PM  
AT VILLAGE HALL, NORMAN ROAD, WEST MALLING

**Present**  
**Mr Stevens**  
**Mrs L Javens**  
**Miss G Barkham**  
**Ms Medhurst**

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

Minute		Action by	Action	Response
19/148	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> were received from Mr N Stapleton, Ms M Stacpoole, Mrs Y Smyth, Mr M Doyle, Rev D Green, Ms I Macdonald and Mr J Musker.			
19/149	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> – none other than those routinely declared.			
19/150	<b>MINUTES</b> – after an amendment to (19/91.1) being 'Rev Green said that the PCC had recently approved a churchyard policy' the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11 February 2019 were approved and signed.			
19/151	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>  (19/93.3) The Assistant Clerk reported that the tree inspections will be carried out of Tuesday 2 April 2019.			
19/152	<b>ALLOTMENTS</b>  <b>Report by Parish Council and RLAS</b>  The tenant of plot 3 will be away for several weeks over March and April. Arrangements have been made for someone to keep the weeds at bay.  It was noted that the tenant of plot 18B has had a hip replacement and will be unable to work the plot until April. They are trying to arrange help with the plot.  The Assistant Clerk reported that two new water tanks had been installed.			
19/153	<b>MACEY'S MEADOW</b>  A site meeting is to be held on Friday 22 March 2019 with representatives from Macey's Meadow volunteers, the Clerk and the ecological consultant to discuss the possibility of reptile relocation.			
19/154	<b>PLAYING FIELD</b>			

	<p><b><u>Jimmy's Tennis</u></b>  It was noted that Jimmy's Tennis won the 2018 Kent LTA Disability award for its extensive disability programme for adults and juniors which is possibly one of the largest in the UK. Including team coaches giving time voluntarily for young persons unable to fit into their after school programmes. They have been put forward for the LTA regional awards.</p> <p>It was noted a quotation had been received from Four Seasons Gardens to carry out clearance work at the tennis courts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To clear all soil, weeds and debris that has accumulated around the edge of the tennis courts</li> <li>• The debris and weeds will be removed from all 4 sides of the court as best as possible by sweeping and shovelling up the debris</li> <li>• The debris will be removed from site and disposed of</li> </ul> <p>Costing:</p> <p>Labour: £ 172.00  Removal of waste: £ 80.00  Subtotal: £ 252.00</p> <p>Plus VAT: £ 50.40</p> <p>Total: £ 302.40</p> <p>It was noted that Gavin Jones Ltd has now been purchased by Nurture Landscapes Holdings Ltd. Our contacts will remain the same.</p>	SH	✓	
19/155	<p><b><u>CRICKET MEADOW</u></b></p> <p>Mr Stevens reported that Mr Stapleton and himself will be meeting with representatives of the cricket club on Sunday 24 March 2019.</p> <p>Ms Medhurst commented on the urgent need to improve the security of the access into the cricket meadow. Discussion took place regarding solutions and it was felt that a low level barrier gate with a heavy duty chain and padlock would be suitable as not intrusive in a conservation area. Mr Stevens said he will discuss this further with the representatives.</p>			
19/156	<p><b><u>BALL PARK</u></b></p> <p>Replacement litter bin to be chased.</p>			
19/157	<p><b><u>VLLAGE HALL</u></b></p>			
157.1	<p><b><u>Report by W MPC Village Hall Representative</u></b></p> <p>Mrs Javens said that a date had not been set for the replacement village hall sign.</p>			
157.2	<p><b><u>Installation of Solar Panels</u></b></p> <p>It was noted that the installation was now complete.</p>			
157.3	<p><b><u>Application for a Hog Roast</u></b></p> <p>It was noted that an application had been received for a hog roast at the hall on Saturday 4 May 2019. Further discussion took place following the February 2019 decision and it was agreed that hog roasts, BBQ's and mobile food vans will not be permitted inside or outside the hall. This decision was taken in view of the VHMC's reservations and that it may set a precedent for use of BBQ's in the playing fields. The hirer to be informed.</p>	SH	✓	

157.4	<p><b><u>Security of Village Hall Car Park</u></b></p> <p>Ms Medhurst said about the vulnerability of the village hall car park entrance. She felt that in light of recent neighbouring illegal traveller encampments the possibility of a height barrier should be re-addressed. Mr Stevens said that after the last year's encampment proposals had been made for a height barrier in this location but was rejected by members. Several suggestions were made and it was agreed that it be discussed further at F &amp; GP. The Assistant Clerk to obtain details of industrial keypads and to seek the views of TMBC regarding lockable height barriers.</p>	SH		
19/158	<b><u>RECYCLING/WASTE SERVICE</u></b>			
158.1	<p><b><u>Environmental Champions 2019</u></b></p> <p>Mr Byatt had kindly picked up the award on behalf of the Parish Council. It was a hamper of local produce and vouchers which can be spent at many locations. The hamper will be split and raffled off at a Macey's Meadow event. It was agreed to split the vouchers towards local environmental projects where necessary.</p>			
158.2	<p><b><u>Great British Spring Clean</u></b></p> <p>It was noted that the litter pick will take place on Saturday 30 March 2018. Tesco have confirmed they have 4 colleagues who will be able to support the event.</p> <p>The Assistant Clerk will collect the equipment from the TMBC the day before. Arrangements to be made for drop off and pick up.</p> <p>Two rubbish pick-ups to be organised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Village green (opposite parish office)</li> <li>• Triangle of green by streetlight junction of Lavenders Road/Swan Street.</li> </ul>	SH	✓	
158.3	<p><b><u>Bulky Waste Collections</u></b></p> <p>Mr Stevens said that he had visited the bulky waste collection at the village hall and was concerned by the number of commercial vehicles using the service although it cannot be confirmed that the waste is not personal but it is a concern. There were also scrap metal merchants disposing of waste they could not get rid of into the refuse lorry. He was also directed to put his metal waste into the scrap lorry and not the official lorry.</p> <p>This should be monitored should any other member use the service.</p> <p>Miss Barkham said she had made a complaint to waste services regarding her bin being left part on the road after emptying.</p> <p>Mrs Javens said she had also made a complaint to waste service as her bin lid was continually being left open after emptying.</p>			
19/159	<b><u>FINANCE</u></b>			
	<p><b><u>Financial Statements</u></b></p> <p>Financial statements were circulated to Members.</p> <p>The Assistant Clerk asked that consideration be given to safeguarding the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £170.00 for marketing (Macey's Meadow)</li> <li>• £130.00 for play equipment annual inspection (Amenities)</li> <li>• £2000.00 for topple testing (Churchyard)</li> <li>• £1350.00 for tree work (Churchyard).</li> </ul>	SH	✓	

	It was agreed that these figures be referred to F&GP.			
<b>19/160</b>	<p><b><u>QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS</u></b></p> <p>Mr Stevens said about potential dates for a Churchyard site meeting. Rev Green had forwarded some dates and said that as the nights are getting lighter maybe a weekday evening may be favourable. After consideration it was agreed to suggest Friday 12 April at 5pm.</p> <p>Mrs Javens said that the streetlight in Norman Road junction of Alma road is overgrown. Macey's Meadow volunteers to be asked to cut back the overgrowth.</p> <p>Ms Medhurst said about the possibility of cycle racks in the High Street. This to be considered further.</p>	<b>SH</b>	✓	
<b>19/161</b>	<p><b><u>TO AGREE DATE OF MAY MEETING</u></b></p> <p>It was agreed that the May meeting be held on Wednesday 22 May 2019</p>			
	<b><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b> – Monday 8 April 2019			
	<p>There being no further business the Chairman thanked Members for attending and closed the meeting at 9.10 p.m.</p> <p>Signed..... Date.....</p>			