

WEST MALLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 09 MARCH 2020 AT 7.30PM
AT VILLAGE HALL, NORMAN ROAD, WEST MALLING

Present
Mr P Stevens
Miss G Barkham
Ms S Margetts
Mrs Y Smyth
Co-opted Members:
Mr M Doyle

Minute		Action by	Action	Response
20/164	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> were received from Mrs L Javens, Rev D Green, Ms I Macdonald and Mr J Musker			
20/165	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> – none other than those routinely declared.			
20/166	<u>MINUTES</u> – after an amendment to [20/94.1] being memorial tree not bench the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 10 February 2020 were approved and signed.			
20/167	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u> [20/93] – Miss Barkham said that Mr Parrin has been chasing English Heritage regarding St Leonard's Tower.			
20/168	<u>ALLOTMENTS</u> Mr Stevens reported that a spate of break-ins had occurred at the allotments. A number of sheds had been broken into and the Police have been informed. Tenants to be reminded of the tool marking scheme and to not keep valuable items in their sheds. Any thefts to be notified to the Police and the Parish Council. A notice to be put on the noticeboard. Ms Margetts is now the allotment society representative.	SH	✓	
20/169	<u>MACEY'S MEADOW</u> Mr Doyle said that the planting of the hedge, along Norman Road, had been completed with a mix of trees. They continue to prune the cobnuts and apple trees. Chippings will be put down on the paths as they are very muddy. The KCC Orchard Project has now finished and Pippa Palmar has prepared an Orchard Management Plan which will need to be signed. The Assistant Clerk said that we still awaited the updated copy. Once received it should be signed off at Full Council. The Management Plan sets out visions and objectives on a monthly basis. Discussion took place regarding a temporary events notice for alcohol at the Blossom event on Friday 8 May 2020. Concerns were raised and to be discussed further at the	SH	✓	

	<p>next Macey's Meadow meeting. Mrs Smyth suggested that the cricket club be asked if they will be holding a match on that day and the possibility of making arrangements to open the bar.</p> <p>Ms Margetts said the first flyer had been done.</p> <p>Mr Doyle reported that Medway Countryside Partnership will be collecting the hay baler and trailer as it is to be stored elsewhere. He said that the committee will now be looking at ways to raise money for their own equipment.</p>			
20/170	<p><u>PLAYING FIELD</u></p> <p>Discussion took place regarding litter picking. The voluntary litter picker to be asked if he needs any help. To be discussed further at F&GP.</p>	CC	✓	
20/171	<p><u>CRICKET MEADOW</u></p> <p>There was not anything to report.</p>			
20/172	<p><u>BALL PARK</u></p> <p>There was not anything to report.</p>			
20/173	<p><u>WASTE/RECYCLING SERVICES</u></p> <p><u>Waste Collection</u></p> <p>TMBC have confirmed that they have been receiving fewer complaints as each week passes. They feel that they are almost at the basic standard of service and now want Urbaser to focus on the customer service part of the contract. A lot of residents have complained about broken bins, caddies and boxes being thrown, and on occasion, rude crews.</p> <p>Fly tipping enforcement. Posters have been put up in areas where fly tipping is a regular occurrence. TMBC have applied to KCC for better enforcement of areas known to be hotspots.</p> <p>Mr Stevens said following on from the Parish newsletter a letter had been received from a relative of an elderly resident in Norman Road who is experiencing problems with the collection day and the bins are consistently being missed. It was agreed that an email be sent to the relative, and that we note the comments, and will contact TMBC direct.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding collections in Swan Street and Police Station Road.</p> <p>Ms Margetts said that the dog bin in the cricket meadow is overflowing. To be reported.</p>	SH	✓	
20/174	<p><u>VILLAGE HALL</u></p> <p>In her absence Mrs Javens had prepared a report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Treasurer, Tony Cooper, will resign at the end of March as he and committee member Karen Usher are moving to Norfolk. A new Treasurer will be attending the next meeting. Tony reported finances are good. Having lost the Dance School booking income is down £3000 compared to previous years. • Solar Panels are proving a success financially. The Village Hall should see a saving of £920 in its first year. • The Bowls Club are disbanding due to falling membership. Again, a loss of a regular booking. 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>CHRIS GOSNEY'S MAINTENANCE REPORT.</u> • On WEDNESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY he planned to undertake a system power flush. Which could result in a Radiator replacement. He is also re-routing plumbing from the tank in the roof. • The Fire System to be serviced. • Chris has contacts for Pat Testing which will be free of charge. This will be arranged soon. • Hall Sign to be erected when the weather is better APRIL?? • I will thank Chris on behalf of the Council for all his hard work at the next meeting on 16th April 2020. It will be the A.G.M. and the Quarterly Meeting. 			
20/175	<u>FINANCE</u>			
	<p><u>Budget Statements</u></p> <p>Budget statements were circulated to members.</p>			
20/176	<p><u>QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS</u></p> <p>Miss Barkham reported that the guard rail support, Churchfield end of the Churchyard, has rusted through and there is a sizeable hole which is dangerous. This is the responsibility of KCC and to be reported.</p> <p>Mr Doyle said he thought the lime tree may have been damaged again. Ms Margetts said she would check.</p>	SH	✓	
	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u> – Thursday 23 April 2020 (concentrating on Churchyard)</p>			
	<p>There being no further business the Chairman thanked Members for attending and closed the meeting at 8.33p.m.</p> <p>Signed..... Date.....</p>			