

WEST MALLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 11 JANUARY 2021 AT 7.30PM

MEETING CONDUCTED BY ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL

Present
Mr P Stevens
Ms S Margetts
Mrs L Javens
Miss G Barkham

Minute		Action by	Action taken	Response
21/20	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Ms M Stacpoole, Mr M Doyle, Rev D Green, Ms I Macdonald and Mr J Musker.			
21/21	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Mr Stevens and Mrs Javens declared a interest in [21/26] as they either live or have relatives close to the playing fields.			
21/22	MINUTES – it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 14 December 2020 be approved and signed.			
21/23	MATTERS ARISING There were no matters arising			
21/24	ALLOTMENTS The Assistant Clerk reported that there were only two rents outstanding. Ms Margetts said she had seen Mr Moon, who had carried out a quick visual inspection, and did not have anything to report.			
21/25	MACEY'S MEADOW Discussion took place regarding mud under the gates in the meadow due to heavy rain and increased footfall. Ms Margetts said she would be putting wood chipping down on these areas. It was agreed to monitor this and consider putting chippings down in the autumn. The Assistant Clerk to see if there are any local companies that could provide wood chippings should that be required. Ms Margetts asked if the Assistant Clerk had checked the measurements of the noticeboard door. This had not been possible but she would speak with Mr Moon, who has the existing door in his garage. Once checked this can then be ordered.	SH	✓	
21/26	PLAYING FIELD The Assistant Clerk reported that a quotation had been received to re-site the rubbish bin, by the garages, for the sum of £160.00. It was agreed that this be accepted and to be funded out of playing field additional works.	SH	✓	

	<p>The Assistant Clerk reported that a quotation had been received to erect a information sign by the benches, at the bottom end, in the children's play area for the sum of £80.00. It was agreed this be accepted and to be funded from new signage.</p> <p>Mr Stevens said that he was not sure if the dog waste bin had been emptied. Mrs Javens will check and report back to the Assistant Clerk.</p>	LJ	✓	
21/27	<p><u>CRICKET MEADOW</u></p> <p>There was not anything to report.</p>			
21/28	<p><u>BALL PARK</u></p> <p>There was not anything to report.</p>			
21/29	<p><u>VILLAGE HALL</u></p> <p><u>Hall Closure due to Lockdown</u></p> <p>It was noted that the village hall will remain closed, except for pre-school, until further notice.</p>			
21/30	<p><u>WASTE/RECYCLING SERVICES</u></p> <p><u>Dog Fouling</u></p> <p>The Assistant Clerk said she had looked at the schemes available. She felt that TMBC scheme had posters that could be adapted for the Parish Council. She will obtain costs for artwork.</p> <p>Information to be put on social media.</p>	SH	✓	
21/31	<p><u>FINANCE</u></p> <p><u>Budget Statements</u></p> <p>Monthly budget statements were noted.</p> <p>Mrs Javens asked if there was not too be any ivy clearance in 2021. The Assistant Clerk said that this was included in the budget for 2021/22.</p> <p>The Assistant Clerk explained changes in grounds maintenance for the playing fields and village green as Nurture had withdrawn their tender. This has now been awarded to Landscape Services. Ms Margetts asked for a list of contractor works.</p> <p>Mr Stevens said that the Clerk and co-opted members for the Churchyard had met with C & A Landscape, the new contractor, to go through the works required in the Churchyard.</p>	SH	✓	
21/32	<p><u>QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS</u></p> <p>Mrs Javens said that footpath MR 139 is very muddy and slippery along the length adjacent to the playing fields. This to be reported to KCC.</p> <p>Mr Stevens has received complaints regarding the lack of care when the refuse collectors empty the bins. The bins are not being emptied properly, wet cardboard and paper remain in the bottom of the bin, and lots of rubbish is left behind on the roads/pavements. This should be reported to Waste Services.</p>	SH	✓	
	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u> – Monday 8 February 2021 (concentrating on Churchyard)</p>			
	<p>There being no further business the Chairman thanked Members for attending and</p>			

	<p>closed the meeting at 8.15p.m.</p> <p>Signed.....</p> <p>Date.....</p>			
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