

WEST MALLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 11 JULY 2022 AT 7.30PM
WEST MALLING VILLAGE HALL, NORMAN ROAD, WEST MALLING

Present: Mr Stevens
Ms Margetts
Mrs L Javens
Miss Barkham

Co-opted members:
Ms I Macdonald

Minute		Action by	Action taken	Response
22/361	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> : Ms M Stacpoole, Mrs Y Smyth, Mrs L Miles and Rev D Green			
22/362	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> – none other than routinely declared.			
22/363	<u>MINUTES</u> – after an amendment [22/310] to read Mrs Javens the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 13 June 2022 were approved and signed.			
22/364	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u> There were no matters arising.			
22/365	<u>CHURCHYARD</u>			
365.1	<u>Report by Rev David Green</u> The Assistant Clerk reported that Rev Green has received permission slips from most of the home owners, in Churchfields, in connection with the overhanging Lime trees. In respect of donations £6 has been received. Qualitree have been asked to provide a quote and will be attending the gardens on a day convenient with Rev Green.			
365.2	<u>Tree Work</u> Qualitree have confirmed that grinding out of the lime tree stumps can be carried out under the existing planning permission. A quotation has been received, for the category 2 works required in the churchyard, from Qualitree for the sum of £900.00 + VAT. A previous quotation, from Down to Earth, was for the sum of £928.13 + VAT. It was agreed that Qualitree carry out the work.	SH	✓	
	Ms Macdonald left the meeting at 7.38p.m.			
22/366	<u>ALLOTMENTS</u>			
	<u>Allotment Inspection Reports</u> It was noted that an inspection had been carried out by the RLAS. 6 – letter 18B – tenant giving up in September 19A – monitor	SH	✓	

	<p>20 – apple tree 21A – monitor 26B – monitor 27B – apple tree 29A – second letter 29B – second letter 30A – monitor 30B – monitor</p> <p>The Assistant Clerk said that the trees from Macey's Meadow are overhanging plots 30A and 30B and blocking the sunlight. It was agreed to refer to Macey's Meadow meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that a quotation has been received to remove, dispose and install new chestnut pale fencing at the allotments for the sum of £1850.00. It was agreed to consider at budget time. Mr Moon and Mr Yeoman will be taking a look at the fencing to see if it is repairable.</p> <p>It was noted that the tenant of 4B would like additional rubbish removed from the plot. It was agreed to obtain a quote once the tenant of 4A has uncovered more rubbish. This work to be considered at budget time.</p>																											
22/367	<p><u>MACEY'S MEADOW</u></p> <p>There was not anything to report.</p>																											
22/368	<p><u>PLAYING FIELD</u></p> <p><u>Play Equipment Repairs</u></p> <p>It was noted that costs have been obtained for repairs highlighted in the report.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Powerwash algae wet pour surface</td> <td>£795.00 + VAT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Agility trail - replace missing cap</td> <td>£ 34.50 + VAT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wobble board – tighten all fixings</td> <td>£ 34.50 + VAT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cable runway – conduct dismantling inspection</td> <td>£425.00 + VAT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>adjust spring stop</td> <td>£345.00 + VAT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Carousel – replace missing parts</td> <td>£ 67.50 + VAT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Climber – replace missing plugs</td> <td>£ 34.50 + VAT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Multiplay junior - replace missing cap</td> <td>£ 34.50 + VAT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chicken rocker – replace missing cap</td> <td>£ 34.50 + VAT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hedgehog rocker – replace missing cap</td> <td>£ 34.50 + VAT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Flat swings – tighten shackle fixing and connecting nuts</td> <td>£ 69.00 + VAT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cradle swings – tighten all swing seat bolts</td> <td>£ 34.50 + VAT</td> </tr> </table> <p>Mr Stevens proposed not to carry out the power wash and cable runway but to agree cable runway spring stop and all small repairs being for the sum of £723.00 + VAT. Seconded by Miss Barkham.</p> <p>Mrs Javens made comment on the overflowing bins in the children's play area and that it has been necessary for the Clerk and Assistant Clerk to empty them on several occasions. She felt that it was not something that they should be carrying out but thanked them for sorting it. The Assistant Clerk said that the litter picker had not been able to do it on these occasions. Discussion took place regarding a more regular litter pick and bin empty and it was agreed that we advertise for this voluntary position. The regular litter picker may now need some help. The Clerks will speak with him. Further consideration to be given at budget time.</p> <p>The Assistant Clerk reported that the grounds contractor had advised that no friendly football games take place and that the goal mouths not be used when training. They need additional time to take. They will return to reseed and fence off. Leybourne City have been informed of this.</p>	Powerwash algae wet pour surface	£795.00 + VAT	Agility trail - replace missing cap	£ 34.50 + VAT	Wobble board – tighten all fixings	£ 34.50 + VAT	Cable runway – conduct dismantling inspection	£425.00 + VAT	adjust spring stop	£345.00 + VAT	Carousel – replace missing parts	£ 67.50 + VAT	Climber – replace missing plugs	£ 34.50 + VAT	Multiplay junior - replace missing cap	£ 34.50 + VAT	Chicken rocker – replace missing cap	£ 34.50 + VAT	Hedgehog rocker – replace missing cap	£ 34.50 + VAT	Flat swings – tighten shackle fixing and connecting nuts	£ 69.00 + VAT	Cradle swings – tighten all swing seat bolts	£ 34.50 + VAT	SH	✓	
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21/369	<u>CRICKET MEADOW</u> There was not anything to report.			
22/370	<u>BALL PARK</u> There was not anything to report.			
22/371	<u>VILLAGE HALL</u> <u>Report by Parish Council Representative</u> Mrs Javens reported that the quotation for the curtains was very expensive so this has been put on hold. New photos of inside and outside to be taken. The curtain pole to the high curtains is kept in the cupboard. The Parish Council thanked the village hall committee for the installation of WIFI.			
22/372	<u>WASTE/RECYCLING SERVICES</u> Ms Margetts commented on the nettles around the dog bin in the cricket meadow/Macey's Meadow. It makes it difficult for the waste person to empty it. The cricket club to be asked if it is possible for their groundsman to strim when they carry out their work. Miss Barkham said that there was still problems with the food collection in Old Parsonage Court. Residents are unsure as to where to leave the bins. Waste Services are to be asked to clarify collection point. It was noted that waste collections, next week, will start at 6am due to the extreme weather.	SH	✓	
22/373	<u>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</u> The following policy themes were discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GP Surgery• Green West Malling• Services for young people and the elderly• Library/CAB• Museum/exhibition space It was felt that the committee were only able to comment on green West Malling: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Tree planting is an on going project especially in Macey's Meadow2. Land at K2 will be an additional planting area3. No green spaces to protect/upgrade4. Unable to apply for village green status. Land at Ewell Avenue is owned by Clarion. Land opposite The Clout is owned by KCC. David Thompson to be asked for clarification on other themes and to be referred to F&GP.	SH	✓	
22/374	<u>BYE-LAWS</u> The Assistant Clerk had prepared draft bye-laws. Mrs Smyth to have a look and make any amendments. The Assistant Clerk was thanked for her help.	SH	✓	
22/375	<u>FINANCE</u> <u>Budget Statements</u>			

	The monthly budget statements were noted.			
22/376	<p><u>QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS</u></p> <p>Comment was made regarding water consumption at the allotments during the dry weather. Should there be a hosepipe ban the water might need to be turned off.</p> <p>Ms Margetts said she had heard on the radio that the average cost of an allotment plot was £100.</p>			
	<u>Date of Next Meeting</u> – Monday 08 August 2022 (concentrating on Allotments)			
	There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 8.50 p.m.			
	Signed.....			
	Date.....			