

WEST MALLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 15 JANUARY 2024 AT 7.30PM
WEST MALLING VILLAGE HALL, NORMAN ROAD, WEST MALLING

Present: **Mr P Stevens**
 Ms S Margetts
 Miss G Barkham
 Mrs L Miles

Co-opted Member:
Mr M Doyle

Minute		Action by	Action taken	Response
24/27	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> : Mrs Y Smyth, Ms M Stacpoole, Mrs L Javens, Ms I Macdonald and Rev David Green			
24/28	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> – none other than routinely declared			
24/29	<u>MINUTES</u> – the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11 December 2023 were approved and signed.			
24/30	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>[23/697 – Allotments] - It was noted that two quotations have been received for a tree survey at the allotments . Down to Earth for the sum of £315 + VAT and Silva Arboriculture Ltd for the sum of £400.00. It was agreed to accept Down to Earth.</p> <p>The Assistant Clerk reported that she had had no contact with the tenant of 29B despite several reminders and chase up letters. The tenant has emptied the shed. It was agreed that a formal letter of termination be sent.</p>	√		√
24/31	<p><u>CHURCHYARD</u></p> <p><u>Report Rev David Green</u></p> <p>In the absence of Rev David Green there was not anything to report at this time of year.</p>			
24/32	<p><u>MACEY’S MEADOW</u></p> <p>Mr Doyle said that the meadow had been very wet and muddy especially in the gateways.</p> <p>The volunteers have been apple tree pruning. Next month they will be cobnut pruning.</p> <p>The next meeting will be on Thursday 25 January 2024.</p> <p>Ms Margetts said that the cricket club have agreed to some of the stone chippings by the goal nets can be used on the muddy areas. Should there be any left it can be used on the footpath between the allotments.</p>			
24/33	<u>PLAYING FIELD</u>			

33.1	<p><u>Tennis Courts</u></p> <p>The emergency exit gate is currently padlocked until an additional section is put on the gate to stop it being opened externally.</p> <p>Mr Stevens will be at the courts on Thursday to check the level of noise from pickleball.</p> <p>The courts are now open. Jimmy's tennis are using the courts.</p>			
33.2	<p><u>S106 Allocation</u></p> <p>The Assistant Clerk reported that the children's play equipment does not fall within the criteria for the S106 allocation. The monies are to be used for outdoor sport provision enhancements. In an email in June 2022 they confirmed new equipment and pathways would be fine. Clarification to be sought.</p>	SH	√	
24/34	<p><u>CRICKET MEADOW</u></p> <p>Miss Barkham asked about the exercise classes taking place on the meadow. The Assistant Clerk said she had informed the cricket club.</p>			
24/35	<p><u>BALL PARK</u></p> <p>The gate to the ball park was open over the Christmas holidays. The original agreement to be checked for who is responsible for clearing the leaves in the ball park.</p>	SH	√	
24/36	<p><u>VILLAGE GREEN</u></p> <p>There was not anything to report.</p>			
24/37	<p><u>VILLAGE HALL</u></p> <p><u>Report by Village Hall Representative</u></p> <p>It was noted that Smallville Nursery will cease trading at the end of January 2024. They wish to retain storage use of the garage until end of March 2024.</p> <p>It was suggested that the village hall management committee look into the possibility of elderly services having use of the hall now that it is free during the day. Mrs Dean to be made aware of the free space.</p>	SH	√	
24/38	<p><u>WASTE/RECYCLING SERVICES</u></p> <p>Miss Barkham reported that her bin had not been collected over the Christmas period as specified by TMBC.</p> <p>Miss Barkham said that the litter bins, owned by the parish council, are too small to take the amount of litter after a Friday/Saturday night. To be referred to Highways.</p>			
24/39	<p><u>FINANCE</u></p> <p><u>Budget Statements</u></p> <p>The monthly budget statements were noted.</p>			
24/40	<p><u>QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS</u></p> <p>The Assistant Clerk asked if members had any comments on the West Malling Open Space Survey. To be discussed at the February meeting.</p> <p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u> – Monday 12 February 2024 (concentrating on Allotments)</p>			

	<p>There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 8.10p.m.</p> <p>Signed..... Date.....</p>		
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