



CHARVIL
PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 29th April 2019

Present: Adrian Keward, Paul Mundy, Jane Hartley, Jim Gillett and Pat Sutlieff

Apologies:

Absent:

370/19 Open Forum: No residents present.

371/19 The Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on Monday 1st April 2019 were approved and signed by Adrian Keward (Chair).

372/19 Declarations of interest and any written requests for pecuniary interests in items on the agenda to be considered by the Assistant Clerk: None.

373/19 Usage Reports: All facilities are tracking well and looking good.

374/19 Park Inspection Reports: These have been received, nothing new to report.

375/19 To decide if evening parties are to continue at the hall and if so, to review the procedures and requirements: The Committee were advised by the Assistant Clerk of a recent incident (loud music) that occurred during an evening party and that following a complaint by a resident the Clerk was called out to attend at 11pm. It was stated this is not the first time, and that in the past the Assistant Clerk has also been called out to attend late at night. It was also reported, that on occasions the hall is not left in a satisfactory condition and that the cleaning team have to spend extra hours to return the hall to a presentable state. The damage deposit does cover cleaning costs and that in such cases those costs are deducted before refunding the hirer, but it has on occasion caused a problem for the cleaning team (which incidentally is now down to a single person) and therefore jeopardising the morning parties the following day. The idea of just allowing the hire of the facilities for community events or Charvil residents only was floated. As this is a decision that affects potential future revenue, it was agreed it would be discussed at a full Council meeting. The Assistant Clerk agreed to calculate how much revenue was received in 2018 by holding evening parties. The Assistant Clerk and Chair were asked to prepare information to be taken to the full Council meeting.

376/19 To discuss how often we need to check prices from trusted suppliers e.g. competitive quotes: The Committee decided that in order to ensure we are getting good value for money that we check every three years.

377/19 To hear from Jane Hartley how the PEH are exploring the possibility of car charging points in Charvil: Jane briefed the committee that the PEH were considering what may be needed for the future and the idea of car charging points in Charvil was raised. As a result the team are doing a fact finding mission, they are looking at the feasibility of having such facilities, finding out what would need to be done in order to provide such a service and that the Clerk is checking what the options are regarding costs and what is involved.

378/19 To review the play park equipment at St. Patrick's and the pre-school play park at East Park Farm: The committee had reviewed the recent Rospa report. For the facilities at EPF, it was stated that there was a bolt missing from backing of the basket-ball hoop, although low risk it was recommended a new bolt was sourced and installed, the Committee asked if the Clerk could source a new bolt and arrange for the Village Warden to install. Again low risk, the flooring of the climbing platform in the pre-school play park has become worn and will need remedial action / replacement and the rockers (Elk & Dog) would need remedial action / replacing. It was decided that the Assistant Clerk was to obtain brochures or catalogues with a view to replacing some of the equipment as it is the original equipment from when first installed. It was also suggested that if the equipment were to be changed as part of the works that the bench (currently under the tree) be relocated so the chance of bird mess landing on it would decrease. At St. Patrick's the gaps between the soft pour and grass have not increased but still remain a potential low risk trip hazard, there are areas that require painting and monitoring for wear. As with the equipment at EPF, it was decided that once the catalogues/brochures are received to also review what might be needed at St. Patrick's as this equipment is older still. Although they do not belong to the CPC, the removable goals owned by AFC Reading were also included in the report and identified as a risk and AFC Reading need to take action accordingly – the Assistant Clerk to follow up with their management.

379/19 Consider the damage to the wall of the Pavilion and decide if repairs are required: The Committee heard that the Assistant Clerk had spoken to the Village Warden who proposed using a glass fibre patch to make the surface weatherproof again. Then to carefully remove the broken pieces and re-use them to give the correct finish, then stipple the new areas between, finally to paint colour matching as closely as possible. The Committee agreed and asked that the Village Warden proceed.

The Meeting closed at 9:05pm

Signed:

Date:

The next meeting is Monday 3rd June 2019