

Chairman: Jim Gillett

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 10th February 2020

Present: Paul Mundy, Pat Sutlieff and Neil Jackson

Apologies: Adrian Keward **Absent**: Jim Gillett

- 437/20 Open Forum: No residents were present.
- 438/20 The Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on Monday 2nd December 2019 were approved by the committee and signed by Paul Mundy (Vice Chair).
- 439/20 <u>Declarations of interest and any written requests for pecuniary interests in items on the</u> agenda to be considered by the Assistant Clerk: None.
- 440/20 Usage Reports: The charts are following the usual trends.
- 441/20 Park Inspection Reports: These have been received, nothing new to report.
- 44220 Finance Reports: No issues raised.
- To agree on pricing for all the facilities for 2020/21: After discussion the Committee decided on a 2% increase across the board on all facilities (in line with inflation) in addition as previously it was approved that the kitchen would no longer be charged for at the Village Hall that an additional £1 per hour on the Community Rate for the Village Hall be added and 60p per hour on the Community Rate for the Committee Room be added. The cost for the stage is to remain the same as are the costs for the Charvil Village News. The recommendation is to be forwarded to the Clerk for inclusion at the next full Council meeting for consideration / approval.
- To discuss and decide whether the barrier across the service road to the Pavilion can be left open during the day time hire of the facilities: Although it was agreed by all Committee members that this would certainly make things easier for the groups using the facilities, there were concerns raised that the footpath alongside the children's play park could potentially give access to unwanted vehicles to the small grass area behind the Pavilion. The Committee have requested that the Assistant Clerk investigate the possibility of a drop down barrier in the path and gain the relevant quotations. Decision on the barrier to be deferred.
- 445/20 To approve the free use of the Pavilion and fields for the Charvil Village Fete 5th July 2020: This was fully supported and approved by all Committee members.
- 446/20 <u>Discuss and approve whether dummy CCTV signs should be purchased and erected to deter anti-social behaviour at the various points in the village:</u> It was decided that this may help to deter any such behaviour and the approval was given for the signs.

- After the appointment of the Caretaker, consider the possibility of offering a set up service for the large regular groups who require help. Chargeable item with recompense to the person undertaking the work: It was agreed that it would be possible to offer such a service provided it had the agreement of the person who is to carry out the task. The payment although billed by the Parish Council would be passed directly to the person completing the job at the end of each month. Assistant Clerk was asked to check with the Clerk as to any issues with NI thresholds. It was suggested and approved £10 for such a service. Assistant Clerks note: as involves an employee undertaking this task, it may need to be approved by the Staffing Committee, check with the Clerk.
- 448/20 Approve the days during the year when the Village Hall and Pavilion are officially closed: The Committee decided that Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and Easter Sunday would be closed and not available for casual hire.
- Discuss and approve the procedures for the hire of the facilities on Bank Holidays. Consider pricing of hire and impact/recompense on staff members involved: Any casual hire would need to be checked for staff availability prior to booking. Any casual bookings taken would be charged at the Standard Rate. The staff member facilitating the booking would be paid at double time (payable at the end of the month) Assistant Clerks note: any recompense to the person undertaking the task will need to be approved by the Staffing Committee.
- 450/20 Consider the quotations for the repair to the wet pour at the playground at St. Patrick's that was highlighted as low risk I the last ROSPA report: The quotations were reviewed and it was approved to go ahead with the offering from Playground Facilities. The Committee asked the Assistant Clerk to check on the colours available and ensure that the repairs are a contrasting colour to the existing area.

The Meeting closed at 8:50pm	Signed:	Date:

The next meeting is Monday 9th March 2020