



**CHARVIL**  
**PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 via Zoom**

**Present:** Paul Mundy, Jim Gillett, Pat Sutlieff, Neil Jackson and Hilary Jones

**Apologies:**

**Absent:**

- 517/20 Open Forum: No residents were present.
- 518/20 The Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 were approved by the committee and signed by Paul Mundy (Chair). Signed copy currently with the Chair and will be passed to the Assistant Clerk as soon as is reasonably practicable.
- 519/20 Declarations of interest and any written requests for pecuniary interests in items on the agenda to be considered by the Assistant Clerk: None.
- 520/20 Consider Park Inspection Weekly Reports: These have been received and nothing new to report.
- 521/20 Give retrospective approval for the additional repairs required on the unstable railings in front of the MUGA: The Committee heard from the Assistant Clerk that the repairs were taking significantly longer than anticipated as the existing wood panelling goes very deep and needs to be removed before new wood can be inserted. The Committee approved the additional costs. It was also raised that when there is heavy rainfall that a puddle of standing water is left on the path, the Assistant Clerk was asked to explore possible solutions with the contractor and see if any improvements can be made to stop this.
- 522/20 Approve the quotation for the replacement of two outside lights at the Village Hall and the installation of an additional one at the side/front: The Committee approved the quotation.
- 523/20 Prepare budget for 2021/22: The Committee reviewed the figures provided by the Clerk, there were no changes to the Village Hall figures. For the Pavilion it was suggested by the Clerk that it would make sense to separate the more general costs i.e. playgrounds, trees and grounds maintenance (specifically all costs related to EPF Grounds Maintenance and 50% of the EPF Maintenance and Repairs) from the Pavilion budget and move to the main Council Amenities Budget, leaving only the costs that were directly linked with the Pavilion and facilities themselves. The Committee approved this and the suggestion is to be taken to the Full Council Meeting for approval. It was raised that the number of standard bookings had dropped and casual increased. The Assistant Clerk reported that four days out of the five available were taken by uniform groups and it would be very helpful if two of the existing nights could be staggered leaving an evening free for another group (numerous requests have been received from Slimming World to restart at the building). Neil Jackson to follow up with the Chair of the Scouting Committee to ask if this may be possible at all.

The Meeting closed at 8:37pm

Signed:

Date:

**The next meeting is Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020**