

Chairman: Jim Gillett

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 8th February 2021 via Zoom

<u>Present</u>: Paul Mundy, Jim Gillett, Pat Sutlieff, Neil Jackson and Hilary Jones **Apologies:**

Absent:

- 534/21 Open Forum: No residents were present.
- The Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on Monday 7th December 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.
- 536/21 <u>Declarations of interest and any written requests for pecuniary interests in items on the agenda to be considered by the Assistant Clerk:</u> None.
- 537/21 <u>Consider Park Inspection Weekly Reports:</u> These have been received and nothing new to report.
- 538/21 Consider any pricing changes for the facilities in 2021/22 for submission to full Council: The Committee agreed that a 2% increase across all facilities be recommended to full Council.
- In accordance with the resolution passed unanimously to re-consider the decision not to erect Dogs on Leads signs at EPF in the light of clear evidence that residents are unaware of this restriction: The Committee decided that it was necessary to change the main sign at the car park / tennis court entrance of the recreation field to include a line asking people to keep their dogs on leads on the field and in addition for five small signs be made to fix to the four corners of the pitches and one at the break in the fencing opposite the path by the tennis courts/MUGA to say 'Please keep your dog(s) on a lead'. Assistant Clerk reported that to change the main sign at EPF and the one at St. Patrick's would be in the region of £130-£170 for both signs and that the smaller signs were £10 each. Costs were approved.
- Decide whether the signage at EPF fields needs to be changed to include new text to enforce the rule that there is to be no organised activities without permission from CPC in order to stop the unauthorised football training etc: It has become clear because of recent repeated unauthorised use at both locations that the current wording on the signs at both EPF and St. Patrick's is not clear enough that organised activities require Council permission. The Committee agreed that the signs at both locations be changed (cost is included in the point ***/21 above). It was suggested that the text should read 'No organised activities without the permission of the Charvil Parish Council'.
- Note insurance company agreed to the redecoration of the gents toilet at the Village Hall following the leak from the water tank by the local contractor HTC: The Assistant Clerk reported that the work was due to start Monday 15th February 2021.

- Note Miranda is applying for a grant / claiming loss of earnings: It was confirmed that Miranda is applying to Wokingham Borough Council for a grant claiming loss of earnings due to Covid-19 for the period 2nd 18th December whilst under the restriction of Tier 2. If successful it is believed the amount is approximately £500.
- Review the closure of EPF car park during lockdown. Consider cones to prevent people parking in front of the gates whilst they are shut: Closure of the car park initially caused people to park in front of the gates causing a potential safety hazard preventing emergency vehicle access to the site but it seems to have stopped recently. Situation to be monitored and if it becomes a regular problem revisit the requirement for cones.
- 544/21 Approve extending the date of the EPF breakout clause with WBC from September 2021 to September 2022: The extension was approved by the committee.

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The next meeting is Monday 8th March 2021