

Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 11th July 2022

Present Pat Sutlieff (Chair), Jane Hartley, Hilary Jones and David Oppong

Apologies

Absent

22/615 OPEN FORUM - There were no residents present.

22/616 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND ANY WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE ASSISTANT CLERK – None.

22/617 Review the Usage Reports for the Facilities.
The reports are showing steady growth and better than expected and tracking with the historical numbers.

22/618 Consider Park Inspection Weekly Reports
These have been received, the Assistant Clerk advised that the reported weeds in the small playground at EPF had been removed and that rotovating of the area was due to be done.

Other items for consideration

22/619 To note that the Conditions of Hire for the facilities have been updated to take into account the new policies (Safe Guarding and Inflatables & Soft Play).
The Committee noted the point.

22/620 To consider whether to remove and replace the current padlock on the entrance height barrier at East Park Farm car park with new.
The Assistant Clerk reported the existing padlock was seized/rusted in place and the only way to remove would be to grind off and replace with new. The Committee approved for this action to be taken and lock to be replaced.

22/621 To note the refusal from Wokingham Borough Council regarding the application to fell the lone lime in poor condition that is located in close proximity to the school playground, pavilion and children's play park at East Park Farm and consider next steps.
The committee reviewed the refusal and conditions laid out by Wokingham Borough Council and have requested the Assistant Clerk to share the findings of the refusal with the tree surgeons who advised the tree needing to be felled and ask for a quotation for the suggested remedial works. Alongside this action, to respond to the refusal by Wokingham and ask them to put in writing that they deem the tree safe and not posing any risk to the public or property and that if the tree were to fall they would be liable for any damage and costs.

22/622 To consider the ongoing maintenance terms provided by AquaCare at the Pavilion.

The committee approved for the rolling contract to continue until the building is demolished.

22/623 To approve the replacement and installation of a hot water urn at the village hall.

The Assistant Clerk provided rough costs of a new water urn along with pricing for installation. The current urn holds 7.5L so a replacement of a similar size and specification was approved provided the cost was within 10% of the prices provided.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm