

Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 4th December 2023

Present Jane Hartley (Chair of Amenities), Isabelle Bray, Narinder Ryatt, Matt Walker, Pat Sutlieff, Rob Jones, Lee Cripps and Neil Durrant (media)

Apologies

Absent

23/713 OPEN FORUM – No residents present.

23/714 To approve the Minutes of Amenities Meeting held on Monday 13th November 2023 at the Charvil Village Hall – The minutes were approved by the committee and will be signed by Cllr Hartley as Chair of Amenities as soon as possible.

23/715 To note the Assistant Clerk's Report – The actions on the report were noted by the committee.

23/716 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND ANY WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE ASSISTANT CLERK – None.

23/717 Review the Usage Reports for the Facilities.
The numbers are as expected. The Assistant Clerk advised that the numbers for January still need to be updated with some club term dates but they have not been received yet.

23/718 Consider Park Inspection Weekly Reports
These have been received and a few items to note for St. Patrick's were the presence of graffiti, two slats missing on the internal fencing, a bolt needs tightening on the fencing all low risk and will be dealt with in house, there is a raise in part of the edging and wet pour to an area that is causing a trip hazard, the committee heard that the Clerk was looking into the possibility of resolution with a local resident – situation to be monitored.

Other items for consideration

23/719 To review the quotation for the resurfacing of the village hall car park and decide if it is to go into the budget for 2024/25 or be considered for inclusion in the five year plan.

The Assistant Clerk reported that the repairs to the car park were not crucial at this time but need to be considered in the near future. The Committee agreed to add the resurfacing to the budget for 2024/25 but would be flexible about moving it to the five year plan if funding is required for other priorities.

- 23/720 To consider a request for the provision of tennis coaching at East Park Farm by a local coach which would include tennis camps during school holidays.**
The Assistant Clerk advised that notification had been received last week by the owner of the existing tennis coaching club stating that they would cease at East Park Farm at the end of the year due to work commitments. The Committee agreed to the request in principle but would like further information as to whether the venture is in a private capacity or whether it would be run under the umbrella of a large organisation. The Assistant Clerk to obtain more information and report back.
- 23/721 To decide on hiring costs for the facilities for 2024/25.**
The committee agreed to increase the costs across the board by 10% rounded to the nearest pound. The regular community groups at the village hall would be offered a 5% discount on the rates – this would be closely reviewed for future years. It was queried as to whether there ought to be a charge for the use of St. Patrick’s Recreational Field by AFC Reading. The Assistant Clerk was asked to investigate whether this would be appropriate.
- 23/722 Approve the income/expenditure forecasts for the hall and pavilion to feed into the main budget discussions.**
The committee approved the forecasts to be forwarded for the main budget discussions.
- 23/723 Items to be included on the agenda for next meeting.**
None requested.

The meeting closed at 8:47pm