

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held in the Parish Room, Newington Pavilion on 18 June 2024

Present: Ruth Brown, Stephen Harvey, Elaine Jackson (Chair) and Pavilion Caretaker, Robert Jackson

Minutes: Cllr Jackson

Apologies: Cllr Eric Layer (holiday)

Additional apologies received from Tony Mould and the following day from Richard & Chris Palmer

Declarations - from RB regarding Street Lights. She was now confused about what she could remain for i.e. when we discussed the putting up of speed signs on lampposts, she was able to provide council with relevant information re weight bearing. Chair thanked RB for this and explained that there was nothing on the agenda that she needed to exempt herself from as we were unable to discuss the lighting contract since we were not quorate on the matter and Clerk was yet to provide information.

Matters arising - Awaiting Christmas lights quote and information from Clerk re window cleaners quote for Bus Shelter

Public Questions - RJ reported that the Pop Up Village group had asked if the hedge could be cut back on the track.

Anti-Social behaviour - Email regarding allotments discussed. Clerk to email allotment association. SH reported Jez had managed the restorative justice and would like us to express our thanks to him.

Recreation Ground - Garage lock needs maintenance. RJ to organise this with locksmith. RB reported that she had been approached with a query regarding fitness equipment, reassurance given that it was all in line with current requirements as at date of installation. No news regarding cable survey for new security camera.

Allotments - As previously discussed. Nothing further reported

Highways - SH attended HIP, highlights were.. we will get a new 20mph roundel in Church Lane and confirmation received that the correct procedure was followed regarding Callaways Lane/Bull Lane one way system.

Litter Picking - Committee would like to purchase 12 hoops for bags on litter pick.

Footpaths - No reports

Village Voice & Media - TM not present, deferred to FC

Cemetery - SH reported Cemetery WG attended last week and had a successful afternoon including removal of the Oak tree. They are asking Mr Marshall to do a weed kill treatment on gravel area. Compliments were received from one family on how nice the area looked. Committee have no objections regarding the bench request can the Clerk confirm location and if a plaque is required and what would be on it.

Events - Fete discussions are going well, Clerk to ask for volunteers via website and Facebook

Policy Review - TOR reviewed

Adopt a station - Committee had no inclination to proceed NFA to be taken on this matter.

Lights - Committee agreed that in view of the size and complexity of this, it should go on FC agenda once Clerk has provided all the information on relative companies

AOB - nothing further

Chair thanked everyone for their input and meeting closed at 8.15

Clerk to do list;

Per Richards email 8th May to provide info on relevant companies for lighting maintenance contracts and to bring this to Full Council.

As per previous Amenities meeting, details on window cleaner quote for Bus Shelter

Clerk to get hedge on track cut back and ask for this to be a regular occurrence scheduled in so that we do not have to repeatedly chase.

Clerk to email Allotment Association regarding incident- draft of email supplied by SH.

Clerk to ensure Jez is aware of above issue and to thank him for his work with the restorative justice matter on Rec.

Clerk to advise re new date for cable survey for new light

Clerk to arrange purchase of litter picking hoops.

Clerk to ascertain where the bench would go in the cemetery and if a plaque is needed and relative wording.

Clerk to ask for volunteers for Fete via website and Facebook

Clerk to action TOR review (this to follow by separate document)

Others to action -

RJ locksmith for garage

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman

Date: 25 June 2024