

Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council

Amenities Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on 12th February 2020.

Present : Cllrs Dixon (Chairman), Catherall, Douglass, Geraghty and Oakley.

Cllrs Hallett and White were also present.

Also in attendance was Mrs V Tookey (Clerk) and Mrs B Isherwood (RFO).

During the public speaking session Councillor Hallett drew attention to the milestones and the outstanding issue of the removal of the church head hedge.

A representative from the youth football team wished to raise some issues. Firstly dog faeces on the football pitch. He was advised that council had already written to all the residents of The Tanyard requesting their help to find the owners responsible for non-removal of dog faeces for which there could be a fine of up to £1000.

More signs have also been put up by the Clerk. A discussion pursued on how to stop the damage from the badgers which was felt to be impossible. LED motion detectors were mentioned, and also the fact that the damage may not purely be by Badgers but also rooks and crows. The representative left the meeting at 7:45 pm.

1	Apologies for absence : Cllr Freeman (annual leave); also Cllr Hodge (ill health).	
2	Declarations of Interests relating to items on the agenda and dispensations: None were recorded.	
4	Minutes of meeting held on 8th January having been previously circulated were signed as agreed. Proposed by Cllr proposed by Douglas, seconded by Cllr Oakley.	
5	General Maintenance Issues:- <u>5.1 Grass cutting contract 2020-2022</u> 5.1.1. Tenders For consideration – Tenders from three contractors had been circulated. Clerk and RFO wished to remove this item for consideration due to the fact that one of the contractors seemed not to be offering like for like. 5.1.2 Ranger applications – This position still needs to be progressed. Applications to be considered from three contractors in conjunction with the grass cutting contract, and one further application. <u>5.2 Tree Inspection – Report and works required</u> 5.2.1 Tree replanting Recreation Ground – Council still awaiting the Football Club to replace tree. 5.2.2 Tree replanting following felling - There had been a suggestion that Council consider having a policy of planting 3 for every 1 which must be felled. On the proposition of Cllr Douglass seconded Cllr Oakley, it was agreed that Committee recommend that Council approve the motion to plant	VT/ BI MF ALL

	<p>three trees for every one that is removed. These trees to be indigenous and sensitive to the area of planting.</p> <p>5.4 Signage Audit – update</p> <p>5.4.1 Cemetery sign – Committee viewed the mockup of suggested wording for the replacement sign at the cemetery. To consider the design further.</p> <p>5.4.2 Play area signs required – Chairman and RFO were working on both the replacement and additional signage required for the play areas.</p> <p>5.4.3 Traffic and Travel W.G. to look at places where residents are parking on the pavements, and also whether further double yellow lines are required in the High Steet.</p>	<p>ALL SD/ BI</p> <p>T&T</p>
6	<p>Play areas:-</p> <p>Clerk reported that the bubble spinner on the recreation ground play area was in need of repair, likewise, swing shackles. She confirmed that Playfix had been asked to attend to provide a quote.</p>	VT
7	<p>Elbourn Play Area</p> <p>7.1 Footpath – Cllr Hallett, District Councillor Cathcart and Clerk had met with the Project Manager for Cala. It was reaffirmed that if Cala completes the footpath up to their boundary, the parish council will clear and install a footpath on its land at Elbourn play area. Clerk had chased CALA and been informed that the issue had had to be referred to a higher level.</p> <p>7.2 Proludic Equipment – Chairman reported the good news that this would be installed on March 2nd and she and the RFO were to meet the manager of the installation team on the 26th February.</p>	<p>VT</p> <p>SD/ VT</p> <p>SD/ BI</p>
	<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15 pm</p> <p>Signed Chairman 11th March 2020</p>	

The agenda may differ at the discretion of the chairman.

Date of Next Meetings: – 2020 – 11th March; 8th April; 13th May; 10th June; 8th July; 12th August; 9th September; 14th October; 11th November; 9th December.