

# Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council

## Minutes of Meeting of Amenities Committee held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm

**Present :** Cllrs Catherall (Vice-Chairman), Dixon (Chairman), Douglass, Davis, Geraghty, and Wakefield.

Also present were Cllrs Hallett, Leith, White and Spenceley. District Cllr Cathcart and one member of public joined the meeting.

Mrs V Tookey in attendance as Clerk and Mrs B Isherwood as RFO.

During public speaking session it was confirmed to a member of an advisory group that he would be notified of any meetings which related to such group.

Note: The EPCM due to be held following this meeting had been postponed awaiting additional information.

1	<b>Apologies for absence :</b> Cllr Hodge due to hospitalization. Committee sent its best wishes to her. Cllr Oakley was not in attendance. Cllr Dixon had no audio connection and was only able to join meeting via video. Due to this Cllr Catherall took the chair.	
2	<b>Declarations of Interests relating to items on the agenda and dispensations:</b> Cllr Wakefield declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to any items relating to The Tanyard and Pavilion.	
3	<b>Minutes of meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> August</b> having been previously circulated were agreed on the proposition of Cllr Douglass, seconded Cllr Davis. Signing to take place once Committee was able to meet in person.	
4	<b>General Maintenance Issues:-</b> <u>4.1. Planting of tree in recreation ground</u> Committee was reminded that it was a planning condition that the tree be replaced and that the replacement should have a substantial girth. A Lime had been suggested and companies who specialized in such tree work were discussed. Quotes to be obtained.	VT/ BI
5	<b>Play areas:-</b> <u>5.1 Items of repairs to note following inspections</u> Elbourn Way Play area needs missing bolt caps replaced on the new Proludic equipment and the grassed matting area to the swings needs attention. Discussion as to whether to take swings out of action and possible replacement resulted in Clerk being asked to see repairs in the first instance. <u>5.2 Bubble spinner</u> It was recorded that this piece is to be replaced.	SD VT  BI
6	<b>Pavilion</b> This item was to be discussed at an extraordinary meeting which was to follow on. The meeting has been postponed due to councillors requests for further information and additional quotes.	

7	<p><b>The Tanyard Access to Recreation Ground</b>  Cllr Wakefield reported that he has been investigating different options to make this access safe. He quoted a possible figure and quotes are to be obtained. After discussion it was agreed that on a health and safety issue the entrance should be blocked off and Cllr Catherall to work with Clerk to take this action.  <u>Amendment agreed at November meeting:</u>  <i>“Cllr Wakefield reported that the situation at the Tanyard access to the recreation ground was dangerous and he has been investigating different options to make the access safe”.</i></p>	MW PC/ VT
8	<p><b>Community Plaque and nominations</b>  Agreed to defer.</p>	SD
9	<p><b>Cemetery Report</b>  Clerk reported that a small group of volunteers had started to make a real and noticeable difference to the maintenance of the graves.  The RFO reported her enquiries of UKPN who had recommended that a supply to the east chapel could be achieved by taking a supply from the west chapel. Advice to be sought from an electrician.  Discussion resulted in Committee requesting an additional element be included in the quotes for roadway to include a duct to provide media for possible future use. Consensus was that the roadway needed to be repaired and surfaced.</p>	BI  VT
10	<p><b>Sign by Surgery</b>  Question was posed regarding any further signage. It is assumed that the developers will erect on their own land.</p>	
11	<p><b>Amenities Budget</b>  Amenities Committee does not have a separate budget as there are several budget headings where money is allocated i.e. play areas, cemetery. Council agreed to look at other uses for the east chapel.</p>	JD
12	<p><b>Bench at Brook Road</b>  Chairman reported on token given to volunteer for donating his time and materials for works to the war memorial area. At the time those works were undertaken it had been envisaged that the bench opposite, on Brook Road, would be removed - however they ran out of time.  Chairman proposed and Cllr Davis seconded proposal to obtain quotes for removal of bench. Possibilities for refurbishment to be investigated.</p>	VT
13.	<p><b>Pavilion</b>  Robust discussion took place regarding refurb/extend – v – new build including what could be afforded. Full Council Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> October will discuss further including the ring fencing of £132k.</p>	
<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm</p> <p>Signed ..... Chairman ..... Date</p>		