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Minutes of Village Amenities Committee held on Monday 22nd January 2024 @ 7pm

Attendance

Cllr Martin Robert – Chair Cllr Sarah Balfour Cllr Suzy Sherratt

Clerk J Nolan

3 members of the public present

- Reminder by the Chair of the Council's expectations for the audio or visual recording of this
 meeting. The Parish Council meeting may be audio recorded under the Openness of Local
 Government Regulations 2014. Devices are to be placed on the table provided throughout the
 meeting.
- 2. Apologies
 - 2.1 To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting
 - 2.2 To consider the approval of reasons given for absence
- **2.1 / 2.2** Apologies for absence were **received** and **approved** in respect of Cllr Maiden and Cllr Bell. The reasons for absence were noted in the attendance book.

It was **noted** that Cllr Cook had decided to leave the meeting before it started and discussed the reason with the Chair.

- 3. Declarations of Interests and Dispensations
 - **3.1** To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's Code of conduct or a member's Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests on items on the agenda
 - **3.2** To receive, consider and decide upon any written applications for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interest
 - 3.3 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate
- 3.1 / 3.2 / 3.3 None received.
- **4.** To note the minutes for the Village Amenities Committee meeting held on 27th November 2023.
- **4.1** Noted
- 5. To receive information on the following ongoing matters arising Clerks Update

5.1 'Nature isn't Neat' WMDC initiative – Contact at WMDC has changed, locations previously agreed by APC are currently being reviewed by WMDC.

5.1 Noted

- **6.** To receive the latest independent playground inspection report and decide action where appropriate for recommendation.
- **6.1** It was **recommended** that all rectification works as detailed in the report are completed. It was **noted** that the condition of the youth shelter vs the report condition was of concern and required further review. It was **noted** that the fire damage to the fence of the Muga should be aesthetically rectified. Proposer Cllr Roberts, Seconded Cllr Balfour. All in favour.
- **7.** To review correspondence from a resident regarding the consideration to protect village pub buildings and car parks with the consideration of the buildings being listed as community assets and decide action where appropriate.
- **7.1** It was **recommended** that the staff team contact WMDC requesting further specific information on this process and to bring back the information to this committee. Proposer Cllr Roberts, seconded by Cllr Balfour. All in favour.
- **8.** To receive a maintenance update from the Clerk on repairs required to the building at Bracken Hill and decide action where appropriate for recommendation.
- **8.1** It was **recommended** that this item is **deferred** to a later village amenities committee meeting and a full review completed on this building. Proposer Cllr Balfour, seconded by Cllr Roberts. All in favour.
- **9.** To review correspondence from a resident and decide action where appropriate for recommendation.
- **9.1** It was **recommended** that further FB posts are used specifically advising of the health concerns with dog fouling and that WMDC are contacting regarding a lack of dog bins within the village. Proposer Cllr S Sherratt, seconded by Cllr S Balfour. All in favour.

Time Closed: 19:31