

Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 9th September 2024

Present Matt Walker (Chair of Amenities), Pat Sutcliffe, Rob Jones, Isabelle Bray and Jane Hartley

Apologies Richard Bennett

Absent

24/775 OPEN FORUM – None present.

24/776 To approve the Minutes of Amenities Meeting held on Monday 8th July 2024 at the Charvil Village Hall – The minutes were approved by the committee and signed by Cllr Walker as Chair of Amenities.

24/777 To note the Assistant Clerk's Report – Noted.

24/778 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND ANY WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE ASSISTANT CLERK – None.

24/779 Review the Usage Reports for the Facilities.
The numbers across the board are really positive, very good cricket season.

24/780 Consider Park Inspection Weekly Reports
These have been received and in order except a broken slat on a picnic bench recorded along with a drop down bollard that is broken. .

Other items for consideration

24/781 To consider installing exterior power sockets at the pavilion for future use.
The Committee heard that the approximate cost would be in the region of £400-£500. Main user would be the annual fete but could facilitate other use of the outside. Cllr Hartley to enquire whether the fete committee would be willing to contribute towards the cost as the primary user. Assistant Clerk asked to get quotations for supply and fit along with a secure cover.

24/782 To hear the footpath gate at East Park Farm is broken and decide whether to remove, replace or repair.
The committee decided to remove the frame completely and monitor if there are any problems as a result of no gate opening to the footpath and if so, to address at that time.

- 24/783 To consider the condition of the picnic bench on the recreational field at East Park Farm and review options of a replacement.**
The committee noted the picnic bench next to the tennis courts has a broken slat, wood disintegrated and rotten. The replacement wooden slats are very expensive so recycled plastic alternatives were discussed. The committee approved the replacement of the picnic bench with a recycled plastic version. All quotes were very similar so the Clerk of the Council to make final decision based on recommendations from other parishes.
- 24/784 Fencing at East Park Farm – to hear the latest on the chain mail fencing on the courts and the wooden post and rail fencing around the pitches.**
The committee heard that despite various companies coming out to inspect the fencing in both areas that only a few of the quotations have been received. The latest company to come and view came at a recommendation from Countryside Services and the Assistant Clerk is awaiting the quotation details. The overall reports suggest it may be more cost effective to replace the fencing around the pitches entirely rather than repair patches, the Assistant Clerk was asked to request pricing for wooden post and rail fencing and to also explore the option of chain mail fencing. Outcome of the quotations to be discussed at a future meeting.
- 24/785 To hear an update on the temporary pricing trial that was set for AD Tennis.**
The Assistant Clerk reported to the committee that AD Tennis Coaching were very happy with the arrangement and have made good use of the courts during what are usually quiet periods. This in turn has generated extra income for the facility. The Committee agreed the pricing could continue and that the agreement would be reviewed annually.
- 24/786 To hear the drop down bollard in the East Park Farm car park is broken and to consider a replacement.**
The Assistant Clerk reported that the bollard does not go up fully and will not lock in position so compromising the security of the field. The Committee decided to replace the bollard, the Assistant Clerk has been asked to obtain a quotation for a new bollard – flip down option instead of drop down.
- 24/787 To review the current cancellation terms and consider if any changes need to be made.**
The current terms were reviewed and it was decided that a discretionary administration fee be charged on cancellations going forward.
- 24/788 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.**
Discuss pictures for the buildings as part of the redecoration of the interior of the hall.
Budget discussion – areas/topic to be considered
East Park Farm car park gate opening time – change to winter hours

The meeting closed at 8:38pm