



NOTES OF THE AMENITIES SITE MEETINGS OF THE MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL ON FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER AND SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2019

CEMETERY

13/19 Friday 1st November at 10am

Present: Cllrs Boswell, Mannington, Newton and Robertson. The Deputy Clerk and Ian Jones, Cemetery Caretaker were also in attendance

Apologies: Cllr Tippen

14/19 ITEMS DISCUSSED

Issues raised by Caretaker

Relatives of John Smith “Moshy” to be contacted with regard to height of fencing around.

ACTION: DEPUTY CLERK TO CONTACT AND REMIND OF THE HEIGHT POLICY – SUGGEST DIGGING DOWN TO LOWER FENCING OR TOTAL REMOVAL??

It was noted that the hedge to the back of the Cemetery had been cut.

The rose bushes to the side of the children’s area had overgrown and were growing over other graves. Cllrs agreed that the hedge trimmer be serviced and that Ian trim the sides and the height of the bushes down to about two feet in order for them to grow bushier. Cllr Newton said he would do some research on the trimming and best upkeep for rose bushes.

ACTION: IAN JONES TO TRIM ROSE BUSHES AND CLLR NEWTON TO RESEARCH.

The grave of Brenda Ballard had risen and Cllrs requested that it be monitored.

Monitor Soil waste from graves

Ray Vidler to be contacted to remove excess soil.

ACTION: DEPUTY CLERK TO CONTACT AND ARRANGE REMOVAL.

New area

The roses need to be tended to as there is still grass growing up in between them. This work will only be temporary until they have grown taller. Cllrs agreed that Ian strims in between them.

Review Tree report

The Scots Pine tree has overgrown and needs cutting down. Cllrs agreed to get a tree surgeon to conduct this work. **ACTION: DEPUTY CLERK TO DISCUSS WITH THE CLERK AND REPORT BACK TO THE AMENITIES MEETING.**

Other

No other issues raised

SOUTHONS FIELD

15/19 Friday 1st November at 10.45am

Present: Cllrs Boswell, Mannington, Newton and Robertson. The Deputy Clerk and Chris Prince, Caretaker were also in attendance

Apologies: Cllr Tippen

16/19 ITEMS DISCUSSED

Issues raised by Caretaker

There is an issue with the amount of time it takes to mow Southons Field. The caretaker informed us that it takes 15 hours. It was agreed that this item be put on the agenda for the next Amenities Committee meeting.

ACTION: DEPUTY CLERK TO ADD TO AGENDA AND TO LOOK AT BACKGROUND WITH CLERK

Review of field and trees

The field was looking good but it had not been mowed recently due to the wet weather. Cllr Boswell said that there were brambles growing with the fir trees close to the Play trail, an Alder tree that was growing amongst a Mountain Ash tree (near log) and the branches on the oak tree close to Cllr Boswell's property that needed to be taken down. Cllrs in attendance agreed that this work be done. **ACTION: DEPUTY CLERK TO ADD TO CARETAKER'S TO DO LIST.**

Review of storage/mower shed and security

Epic Engineering are booked to undertake the work on Thursday 7th November 2019.

Play Trail

No issues to report.

Grasscrete area

Cllrs reviewed the area and thought there was no need to lay top soil on top. It was thought that it needed to settle some more. The area in front of the grasscrete which is getting bare cannot be remedied apart from spiking with grass seed in the Spring spiking with grass seed in the Spring/Summer months. Cllrs agreed this should be monitored.



State of Driveway

Cllrs reviewed the driveway. There were a number of shallow pot holes that needed some filling in. This could be done by the caretaker. A resident on the driveway has asked for clarification on the maintenance of the driveway as they felt it is looking shabby. Cllrs agreed for this item to be put on the agenda for the next Amenities Committee meeting and asked the Deputy Clerk to source the legal documentation of the responsibilities for all parties.

ACTION: DEPUTY CLERK TO ADD TO AMENITIES AGENDA AND SOURCE LEGAL DOCUMENTATION IN READINESS FOR COMMITTEE MEETING.



Other

Resident's complaint regarding cutting down of bushes at Southons Field driveway entrance. Cllrs reviewed the area and felt that there was not a major problem with view and privacy. The bushes will grow back and were cut back further than normal due to access to the ivy that was damaging another resident's fence. Cllrs agreed that the Deputy Clerk and the Clerk compose a draft reply and forward around for the Cllrs to finalise.

ACTION: DEPUTY CLERK TO DISCUSS WITH CLERK AND DRAFT REPLY TO RESIDENT.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

17/19 Saturday 2nd November 2019 at 9.30am

Present: Cllrs Adam, Boswell, Jones and Mannington. The Deputy Clerk and the cleaning contractor were also in attendance.

Apologies: Cllr Tippen

18/19 ITEMS DISCUSSED

Issues raised by Caretaker

There was no Caretaker in attendance and there were no issues raised beforehand.

Cleaning

Both the Ladies and Gents toilets were very clean and Cllrs thanked Ross for his continued high standard of work.

Building inspection (internal and external)

There were no issues reported with regard to the external building.

The lock on the Ladies toilet needed attention as it was not locking properly. Cllr Tippen asked the Deputy Clerk to raise this with the Caretaker.

ACTION: DEPUTY CLERK TO ADD TO CARETAKER'S TO DO LIST.

The Deputy Clerk had received one quote for the hand dryers in the Ladies and Cllrs asked the Deputy Clerk to strive to obtain another two quotes in readiness for the next Amenities Committee meeting.

ACTION: DEPUTY CLERK TO SOURCE TWO FURTHER QUOTES.

Other

Discuss location of Marden in Bloom planters

Cllrs reviewed the space outside the toilets and to the side to see if there was room for some Marden in Bloom planters. Given disabled access, Cllrs agreed that was not enough room around this area and decided against having them.

Ken Rhodes Bench Slabs

Cllrs looked at the space in front of the Ken Rhodes where the grass was bare and it was suggested that some paving slabs be put in front of it. Cllr Adam added that these should go

up to the pathway. Cllrs agreed for the Deputy Clerk to contact the Caretaker and arrange the work as there was some spare paving slabs up outside the Pavilion on Southons Field.

ACTION: DEPUTY CLERK TO ADD TO CARETAKER'S TO DO LIST.



Water Meter

The Deputy Clerk showed Cllrs recent email communication from Castle Water with regard to the location of the water meter the Public Convenience water bill is taken from. We are aware that the Scouts have recently had their water meter split, however, this is still being estimated. The Deputy Clerk has contacted the Library and is still awaiting a site map from their Facilities Team. Cllr Adam requested that all those involved need to have a site meeting. *Since this site meeting, the Clerk informed the Deputy Clerk that Castle Water have emailed requesting a £30 fee for another call out.* **ACTION: DEPUTY CLERK TO CHASE SITE PLAN AND DISCUSS WITH CLERK FURTHER STEPS TO RECTIFY PROBLEM.**

Area to the side of Marden Library

Cllr Tippen raised the issue of the bushes that run alongside the Library building and how they impact pedestrian safety as well as making it difficult for disabled/pushchair access. Cllrs agreed that the bushes be halved or taken out and/or replaced with other plants in order for the pavement to be widened. Cllrs agreed this item be put on the agenda for the next Amenities Committee meeting. **ACTION: DEPUTY CLERK TO ADD THIS ITEM TO THE AGENDA.**



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