

GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

GENERAL AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Meeting held 23rd May 2017

Present: Councillors A Bailey, J Dutton, A. Atkinson, S.Atherton, B. Blackmore

Apologies: Councillor J. Blackmore

Matters Discussed.

1. Councillor Atherton was elected Chair of the Committee (proposed by A Atkinson, seconded by J.Dutton)
2. The Draft Terms of Reference for the Committee were reviewed and agreed for the forthcoming year. (Proposed by A Bailey and seconded by J Dutton)
3. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 25th January 2017, were agreed as a true record. A Discussion took place about the approaches to be made to Kingdom as agreed at the last Council meeting.
4. Play Area Inspections- The Clerk explained the Play Area inspection contract with WCBC and the regular inspections that take place. A revised annual overview document should be available shortly. A discussion took place during which it was explained that the items highlighted in the previous inspection report were all designated low risk in terms of the urgency of rectifying them. Tarmacing of identified areas in the play areas had been commissioned and undertaken. The clerk also highlighted a request for a repair to a basket swing that had come recently from WCBC. Expenditure for this is to be approved by the next Council meeting. Councillor Blackmore agreed to undertake a review of the Marford Play area and feed back.
5. Gresford Lake- Councillor Dutton explained about the lectern at the lake. This had previously been agreed at Full Council but Councillor Dutton confirmed that Shelleys were honouring their original quotation price. There may be an additional cost of installation which is not yet known. Clerk advised she will put something on the agenda for the next Council meeting so that it is highlighted. J Dutton will liaise with S Cleaver.
6. Risk Assessment- The Clerk enquired about risk assessment as previously she understood that Councillor Macdonald had carried this out. Councillor Dutton confirmed that she and Councillor Blackmore had been carrying out the risk assessment once a year. The Clerk advised this needed to be recorded on a form and the findings made available for follow up action required, so that we are compliant about risk assessment recording and Insurance. It was AGREED that Councillors Dutton and Blackmore would continue to carry out risk assessment but would involve the Clerk and the form could continue to be used to record and progress any remedial action to be taken. Jobs to continue to be reported as and when they arise. Councillor Dutton highlighted bottom straining wire and the white line being worn on the Jetty.
7. High Street Gresford and signage.- The Clerk gave an overview of what had been requested and progress to date. It was AGREED that white lines at the junction on High Street and the lake be pursued to be put in place. It was further AGREED that a speed indicator sign on High Street be requested from WCBC at the cost of £800 previously quoted. Clerk to progress.
8. It was agreed that all members of the Committee would be notified when the meeting is confirmed with the conservationist
9. Lighting Matters- A discussion took place about the progress on obtaining additional lighting on Pont Y Capel Lane. Members also considered some new lighting requests

received. The Clerk advised these can be reported to her as and when faults occur. A policy on lighting requests was agreed due to the length of time between meetings - the Councillor contacted would undertake an initial investigation with the enquirer and neighbours. If they are unable to do that, they are to forward request to the Chair for actioning. Findings are to be brought to the next Amenities meeting for consideration the investigating Councillor is to feedback progression and outcomes to the resident.

10. Councillor Blackmore gave an update on the Youth Working Party meetings and event.
11. Telephone kiosk. - A discussion took place about pursuing the purchase of the box from BT and about taking forward a review of usage. Councillor Atkinson also suggested the need for a map of defibrillator locations in the village. It was agreed to recommend to Council the purchase of the telephone box for the village.
12. Bike Stand- The Clerk explained this suggestion had been passed to the Committee for consideration from Full Council previously. A discussion took place. It was AGREED that the Clerk will obtain more information on designs and prices and will organise a site meeting to decide the best location.
13. Councillor Atkinson raised the matter of the condition of pavements at Park Field off Whiteway drive. Councillor Dutton raised the matter of the condition of the pavement on Pant lane opposite Yew Tree Court. It was also raised that the pavement along High Street remains in a poor condition despite having been raised previously with Graham Lloyd. AGREED: Clerk to take forward with Highways and Graham Lloyd.
14. A site visit took place to Allington Park. No issues were identified.
15. Items raised by Councillor Atkinson- 1) Lengths man - odd job man employed by the CC.
2) Letter of support from Amenities Committee for residents who are concerned about parking on the grass verge on Pant lane (near phone box) a supporting letter to aid County Councillor
16. The next meeting will be held on the 17th July at 6 pm