

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY
24th JUNE 2024 AT 7:00PM IN THE COLYTON TOWN HALL.**

Present: Cllrs S Real, K Clifford, M Mann, A Stenning, J Gardiner, A Parr, G Chesterton, R Turner and J Hay.
Also S Haines (clerk)

Members of public: 0

A24/06/20 To receive and accept apologies for absence. Cllr Stephenson.

A24/06/21 The minutes of the Amenities committee meeting held Tuesday 28th May 2024 (appendix F) for approval. Cllr Stenning proposed these be accepted, seconded by Cllr Parr and agreed by all.

A24/06/22 Matters arising from the Minutes. None.

A24/06/23 Declarations of interest. None.

A24/06/24 Democratic Period. No members of public present to speak.

A24/06/25 Bus shelter at Coly Vale. DCC officer is on holiday so there is a delay in the response clerk sent asking for information. Cllr Mann gave an estimate of £3,500.00 to purchase and install a new shelter. Cllr Stenning proposed the Council go ahead and get the project started, seconded by Cllr Chesterton and agreed by all.

A24/06/26 Finding of the Annual Parish Inspection. Clerk read through the inspection notes – see appendix A. It was agreed to give the list to the handyman and ask him to report back on any items he cannot complete.

A24/06/27 Items bought to the Chairs attention after the agenda was published to be noted. None.

A24/06/28 Date of next Meetings,

Full meeting – Monday 8th July

Committee meeting – Monday 22nd July

Meeting closed: 19:30.

Appendix A

Annual Parish Inspection.

Present for Group A: Cllrs A Parr, S Real, R Turner and M Mann. Also S Haines (clerk)

St Andrews Church:

Weeds in the garden of Remembrance.

St Andrews Gardens:

Tops of gazebo to be treated

Circular holes on the floor to be filled in

Shingles on roof missing

Picnic table to be treated

Try again to find volunteer gardener.

Rosemary Lane Store:

Very tidy

Old cabinet in Western Power block to be removed so Carnival Club can make repairs to store.

Road Green:

Potential to add a couple car parking bays & permanent security of Green, possibly a fence.

Baby Oak tree needs its surroundings trimmed and topped.

Hedge opposite Wheelers Yard is growing out into Green – in fact hedge around most of the Green is encroaching.

Playpark looks good.

Mr Bakers Garden:

Benches to be treated.

Govers Meadow Gardens:

Re-wedge concrete bench.

PMPF:

Skatepark needs two new A4 information signs

Graffiti on ramps to be removed

Huge bramble bush behind the tractor shed needs removing.

Present for Group B: Cllrs J Gardiner, A Stenning, J Hay, G Stephenson and G Chesterton.

Allotments

Several untended plots - see map

There is drainage beneath 4A that runs into a pipe down the side of the allotments and out onto Lisham's Drain that's been blocked off by SWW for some reason.

A drainage trench could run beneath 10A - 10D

The steps down to the road - through wear and tear some of the steps, particularly nearer the road, now have a very deep drop and are difficult to use

The large plot belonging to Lionel Bond (first left when you enter from steps) is mostly unworked and a bit of a dumping ground

Plots 1E and 1F to be split and plots 5G and 5H to be split

Millfield

Desperately needs topping

Hedge needs cutting back

Hedge needs laying on Lisham's Drain and along access road

Mirror needed to see oncoming traffic to right when leaving

Lamp post on Station Road

Needs painting

Not sure if lightbulb is working - will check when it's dark

Jubilee (Green Bridge) Gardens

Garden is a mess of weeds and grasses. Suggest hiring a gardener for 3 or 4 months a year to sort out - Nick Weldon or Andy (friend of Ged and George)?

Gazebo needs painting with wood preserver

3 planks of wood forming the north side of the gazebo roof need either screwing in or replacing. 2 have lifted and the other is about to fall off. 1 plank on the south side has dropped off.

Much of the trellis work is missing and the knob on top of the gazebo

Cemetery

URGENT: The wall behind the Rest House leading to the cemetery is collapsing and needs its stones reinstating with mortar - they are lying all over the place

The window shutters to the west of the Rest Houses are badly peeled and need repainting

Front door of Rest House is starting to peel and will need repainting in the not-too-distant future

Branches of the Sycamore are now touching the roof of the Rest House

Roots of the Sycamore are forcing the stones out of the retaining wall

Cemetery is very well maintained

The 2 old dustbins look unsightly by the tap - could they be replaced with smarter ones or a wooden box made for them to fit into?

The noticeboard is nothing more than a picture frame - a proper noticeboard is needed at the entrance to the cemetery large enough to hold notices!

Someone's been clearing the mass of weeds, brambles and ivy from under the Fir tree in front of the Rest House but leaving the debris behind and exposing several dead branches on the lower part of the tree which need lopping - Jason Mair?

A large metal water tank has been dumped under the tree and should, if you want to keep it, be moved into the Rest House

The Sycamore is self-seeding everywhere

Picnic Area & Community Woodland

Large pothole by entrance needs filling

The rest of the parking area could do with some river gravel

Hedge on Hillhead needs trimming

There are a number of dead trees which should be removed - Rob Beard/Jason Mair?

There are a number of trees which should be topped - Rob Beard/Jason Mair?

Grass needs cutting and lower hedge needs trimming

The shelter's in good condition