

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY
27th MARCH 2023 AT 7:00PM IN THE COLYTON TOWN HALL.**

Present: Cllrs S Real, K Clifford, J Gardiner, C Pady, C Denny, A Stenning, A Parr and J Hay.
Also S Haines (clerk)
Members of public: 0

A23/03/92 To receive and accept apologies for absence. Cllrs K Mills, A Mills, P Arnott, A Jarman and R Turner.

A23/03/93 The minutes of the last Amenities committee meeting held 27th February (appendix Z) to be approved. Cllr Stenning proposed these be approved, seconded by Cllr Parr and agreed by all.

A23/03/94 Matters arising from the Minutes. Cllr Real reported that the trees which were planted in the hedge at Millfield have now been removed and planted along the river at the PMPF, also works have been completed by the handy man to improve the fire assembly point at the PMPF and the new sign is in place there.

A23/03/95 Declarations of interest. None.

A23/03/96 Democratic Period. No members of public present.

A23/03/97 Report from handyman regarding casting the hedge at Millfield. The Handyman has stated that as this is not a stock proof hedge, casting it is not necessary, furthermore the ditch on either side of the hedge is clear and working well. He also commented that the hedge is already starting to regenerate and new shoots are already showing so casting is simply not needed. Cllr Pady commented that it would be a fine example of a correctly laid Devon Hedge if the casting was complete, he also informed the Council that he has purchased some wild rose bushes and honeysuckle which will be planted in the hedge to encourage dormice. Cllr Parr suggested we review the hedge in a year, this was agreed.

A23/03/98 Request from Cllr Pady for an agreement to apply for a grant from the East Devon AONB to enhance the bat roost in the roof of the Rest house by putting in a heating system powered by solar panels to encourage a maternity roost and to add a low emitting camera in the roost to record and transmit the bat activity to a room in the Primary School, the sycamore tree would need pollarding. Cllr Pady reported that he has been in contact with bat specialists who claim that 4-5 species of bat use the rest house, juvenile males seem to be present. It is a very important site for bat conservation. He then said that the sycamore would need pollarding or even felling, the clerk questioned felling a healthy tree, especially now we are in the nesting season. Cllr Gardiner asked who would be responsible for ongoing maintenance of the equipment and asked if the CPC would take ownership of the equipment, Cllr Pady confirmed it would be the responsibility of the CPC but there would be no initial cost as it would be covered by the grant. Cllr Hay suggested waiting until the Annual Parish Inspection to see if any more trees needed work doing to them to see if it could be done at the same time.

Clerk to contact EDDC regarding felling a tree. Councillors to conduct a site visit.

A23/03/99 Request from Cllr Pady for the Council to agree to enter the 'Best Churchyard in Devon' competition. Entries close 31st March. It was unanimously agreed to enter this, there will be no cost to the Parish Council.

A23/03/00 Millfield project, next required steps. A quote has been received from James Voysey to power-harrow the ground, put in the wild flower seeds which have already been purchased and roller the ground out. This would be £100.00. Cllr Parr proposed this be accepted, seconded by Cllr Stenning and agreed. Cllr Pady stated that planning for two raised beds was approved so could the handy man be

asked to produce 2 8ft X 4ft raised beds? Cllr Clifford proposed Arthur be asked, seconded by Cllr Stenning and agreed, Cllr Denny suggested using railway sleepers. Cllr Pady then asked about the spinney of Hazel and the small orchard which was planned, Cllr Parr stated it would be an idea to get the seeds in first and look at the trees for next year.

A23/03/01 Footpath books. New sales location needed. Cllr Real suggested asking Kevin and Rose at Premier Stores, Cllr Stenning suggested asking The Heritage Centre, clerk to ask both.

A23/03/02 Items brought to the Chairs attention after the agenda was published to be noted. Cllr Pady reported that the handy man is concerned about Four Cross Elms, will it remain the responsibility of Colyton or Colyford? Cllr Denny commented that the boundary would run in the middle of the road. It comes up Fairview Lane and goes straight across to Love Lane so it would make sense that Four Cross Elms will remain in Colyton.

A23/03/03 Date of next Meetings,

Full CPC Meeting – Tuesday 11th April

Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 19th April

Committees – Monday 24th April.

Meeting closed: 19:45.