

Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee Meeting
Held on Monday 28th November 2022 at 7.00pm at The Old School, Castleway, Willington.

Present: Cllrs M. Bartram (Chair), C. Mead, S. Macpherson, and S. Mead.
B. Davis

In attendance: R. Male (Clerk) and a member of the public.

281122RAC/1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllrs. J. Houghton and T. Bartram.

281122RAC/2 Variation of Order of Business.

None.

28112RAC/3 Declaration of Members' Interests

None.

281122RAC/4 Public Speaking

A member of the public mentioned a number of small trees (including oak and ash) they have to donate if there was anywhere in the village they could be planted (before March). This would be looked into and resident informed. The lime trees on Hall Lane require trimming back at path level.

281122RAC/5 To consider a resolution to close the meeting from public participation under the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960.

Not required.

281122RAC/6 Minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the RAC Meeting held on 24th October 2022 were agreed as a true record.

281122RAC/7 Clerk's Report

Railway underpass painting – Clerk has now contacted Property Services to escalate this in the hope permission may be granted ready for spring time painting.

Village welcome signs – Clerk continues to chase DCC Highways, however this is not something the Parish Council could fund in the next year or so.

Tennis coaching – should be up and running from spring 2023.

Bowls Club – to be arranged.

281122RAC/8 Play Area Inspections

No issues to report.

281122RAC/9 Newsletter

The January/February issue should be out mid-January. Anything for this issue to be emailed before Christmas. Any offers of support on the newsletter would be gratefully received, photos, adverts etc. Please email the editor.

281122RAC/10 Allotments

a) Tap replacement/hosepipe use

It was agreed to recommend to Council the following:

1. The use of hosepipes is allowed for the filling of watering cans, they are not to be used for sprinklers or left unattended. Regular checks will be carried out
2. A double tap to be declined.
3. Clerk to send current plot holders an email regarding item 1 above and add to agreement for new plot holders.

b) Allotment costs

All plots are paid up to date. It was recommended that plot rent would be held at the current rate for 2023.

281122RAC/11 Memorial for Queen Elizabeth II

Clerk has emailed SDDC re the removal of a lime tree on Hall Lane.

Clerk to add to next FOSG agenda the possibility of benches along the bridleway (January).

Further memorial ideas discussed were a willow tree on the Molly triangle, a tree and/or community sculpture at Willington Marina (Clerk to speak to DCC re permission).

281122RAC/12 Christmas Celebrations

All plans are in place ready for light switch on, on the 1st December. Baubles have not been as successful this year as last, new ideas to be looked into at the end of the summer next year.

281122RAC/13 Village litter bins (including dog fouling bins)

The Clerk is awaiting a quote for the fitting of the new bins.

The bin on the playing field (left hand side of the entrance) needs replacing/repairing. Clerk to report to SDDC.

It is recommended to Full Council to purchase 4 x 250 biodegradable dog fouling bags for the dispensers on the bins at Station Garden and Kingfisher as a trial at a cost of £40 (exc. VAT plus delivery).

281122RAC/14 Matters for the next Meeting (January 2022)

As above.

281122RAC/15 Meeting close

Meeting closed at 7.39PM