

WEST DEAN PARISH COUNCIL

AMENITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday 15th January 2019 at 5.30pm held in the Parish Office.

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Present: C.Smith, B.Gayler, B.Freshwater, B.Evans, M Costley.

P Jones (Deputy Clerk).

1. Apologies. A.Moore.
2. Declarations of Interest: None.
3. Approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd October 2018.
Minutes adopted and agreed.
4. To consider the Parish Grass Cutting Tender 2019 - 2022 (draft attached), with recommendations to Council, new contract to be in place 1st April 2019.
The committee resolved to recommend Council to adopt the Tender for grass cutting 2019-2022.
5. To consider the BT Kiosks Audit (attached) and recommend next steps to Council.
Suggested uses: *Defibrillator, Lending Library/Book Exchange, Information Point, Food Bank.*
A number of suggestions had been put forward as to possible uses, which would need to be community driven. Some concern was expressed for the use as a food bank on food hygiene grounds. **The committee resolved to recommend to Council that the phone boxes are inspected by a surveyor and estimate provided for the work required to bring them up to an acceptable standard. With a further report once the survey had been carried out.**
6. Update on grit bins and actions taken, 21 locations identified.
It was noted that twenty-one grit bins have been purchased and delivered to Complete Landscapes who will be siting them (identified as part of the audit). Grit for the bins has been requested from Gloucestershire County Council, to be delivered to Complete Landscapes who will also be filling them on our behalf.
7. Play park repairs following RoSPA annual inspection at West Dean Centre, Bowson Square and Crowwash. One quote has been received of £2,100 plus the cost of any replacement parts, excluding VAT. **The Committee resolved to recommend to Council that this work is of a Health and Safety nature and should be treated as urgent. Only one quote has been obtained, however, due to the nature of the work Council may feel that the price quoted is acceptable.** Obtaining another quote from a specialist company would delay repairs and, in all likelihood, produce no savings on the quoted figure.
8. Inclusive play equipment – Clare Smith.
Progress has not been made as quickly as would have been wished. The main problem is identifying a suitable location for an inclusive play area.

The decision also needs to be made on whether such a play area is located within the West Dean Parish area or a larger catchment area outside the Parish. It was **resolved to recommend to Council that contact is made with other councils (Coleford and Cinderford) also the Forestry Commission, to help identify possible sites and establish if they are willing to work with us to deliver an inclusive play area.** One suggestion put forward was to locate it on the playing fields at Berry Hill, which the Council has recently acquired.

9. To Agree Agenda items for the next meeting.
Inclusive Play Equipment
Grit Bins
Phone Boxes.

10. Meeting dates 2019:
9th April
23rd July
22nd October