

KNEBWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 30 October 2019 in Knebworth Village Hall at 9.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Colin Stringer (Chairman) Rosemary Conybeare, Jenny Harrison, Steve Hemingway and Roger Willocks

In Attendance: The Clerk

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Farr.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Minutes

Proposed by Mr Harrison, seconded by Mr Hemingway and

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on 24 July 2019 be approved and signed.

5. Financial Review

The committee reviewed and approved the management accounts for the recreation grounds and village hall for the quarter to 30 September 2019.

6. Update

6.1 Village Hall Sound and Light Improvements

Knebworth Village Trust has awarded a grant of £10,000 towards upgrading the sound and lighting in the hall. A decision on the lottery fund is awaited. Hall hire is extremely busy until May 2020 and any work will have to be scheduled to minimise impact on hirers.

6.2 CCTV

A revised quote has been received for the cameras, however a plan of their coverage has not.

6.3 Tennis Club - Trees

The Tennis Club reported that the conifer trees have damaged the court surface. The club wishes to replace the existing tarmac surface with an all-weather court. However this is not possible if the trees remain without spending significant sums to create a root barrier with no guarantees for the surfacing or the health of the trees.

The club would like to fell the conifers and replace them with smaller trees.

7. Maintenance

7.1 Pond fence

The pond fence requires some repair. A pond maintenance day has been arranged for 23 November and the condition of the fence will be assessed.

7.2 Recreation Ground Footpaths

Mr Stringer reported that some of the footpath surfaces are crumbling. The condition of the paths is to be monitored.

7.3 Lytton Fields Fence

A resident has asked that Lytton Fields Playspace be gated so that dogs and children do not run out into the road. The site is to be surveyed to assess the potential for a barrier on the footpath.

8. Budget 2020/21

Proposed by Mr Hemingway, seconded by Mrs Conybeare and
Resolved: to recommend the draft budget for the recreation grounds and village hall for the year ended 31 March 2021 to the Parish Council.

9. Any Other Business

9.1 Mrs Conybeare gave her apologies for the next council meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.37pm.

Chairman _____

Date _____