

KNEBWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Wednesday
16 November 2022 at 8.00 p.m. at Knebworth Village Hall

Present: Councillors Colin Stringer (Chairman), Steve Hemingway and Praba Kugathan

In Attendance: Claire Graham (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Cosson and Messrs Jobling and Willcocks.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes

Proposed by Mr Hemingway, seconded by Mr Kugathan and

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on 20 July 2022 be approved.

4. Financial Review

Proposed by Mr Hemingway, seconded by Mr Stringer and

Resolved: to approve the management accounts for the recreation grounds and village hall to 30 September 2022

5. Maintenance Plan

The committee reviewed and approved the long term maintenance schedules and priorities for the recreation ground and village hall.

6. Maintenance

6.1 Village Hall

The committee reviewed the updated hall manual. The Clerk is to obtain information on urinal motion sensors to save water.

Proposed by Mr Hemingway, seconded by Mr Kugathan and

Resolved: to accept the quote of £1679.96 to repair the external beams.

Proposed by Mr Stringer, seconded by Mr Kugathan and

Resolved: to accept the quote of £458 to cut the hall hedges.

Proposed by Mr Stringer, seconded by Mr Kugathan and

Resolved: to purchase a portable ramp for the door threshold

It was agreed that the annexe toilets and kitchen should be painted white.

6.2 Recreation Grounds

The vandalised fence has been repaired. The fire damaged play equipment is due to be repaired at the end of the month.

The committee agreed that it would not replace the gate on the Park Lane entrance to King George V Playing Fields at the moment.

6.3 Pond

A maintenance day was held at the weekend and a large number of reeds removed. It was agreed that another day would be held on 21 January. The Clerk is to contact CMS for advice on maintaining and improving the area.

6.4 Bins and Benches

Two dog bins have been replaced. The two volunteers who previously repaired the benches have agreed to do so again in the new year.

6.5 Equipment

The mower roller bearings broke and have been replaced.

6.6 Allotments

The groundsman and Knebworth Allotment Association have cut back the boundary hedges. A plot holder has made a compensation claim against the council for damaged plants when the tree work was undertaken. The Council agreed to pay the sum requested.

The Allotment Association has asked for two plot holders' meetings a year. It was agreed to hold one on 10 January 2023.

7. Budget

Proposed by Mr Stringer, seconded by Mr Kugathan and

Resolved: to recommend the draft recreation grounds and village hall budgets to the Council.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 The Chairman reported that he had spoken to the local Brownies, during Parliament week. The group were very interested in the recreation grounds and asked lots of questions.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.24.

Chairman _____

Date _____

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