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Minutes of Peasedown St John Parish Council Amenities and Facilities Committee held at Beacon Hall on Tuesday 4th March 2025 from 7.05 – 9.30pm

Public Session No members of the public were present

A&F094 – 04/03/2025

Attendance Roll Call and Declarations of Interest

In attendance Cllrs F Carr, G Heathcote, A Gillard-Sprake, L Gillard-Sprake and K Thomas (Chair), there were no declarations of interest

In attendance and invited to contribute to the meeting Cllr A Larcombe and Simon Freear GAMM. The chair welcomed Simon Freear to the meeting.

A&F095 – 04/03/2025

Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

A&F096 – 04/03/2025

Minutes & Actions

i. It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Amenities & Facilities Sub-Committee meeting held on 18th February 2025 as a true record

Carried Unanimously

ii. To review updated copy of the Actions Register on Planner.

It was noted that the actions register was not completely updated, the chair drew the members attention to the proposed process for dealing with the soil from the opening and digging of graves and will update planner

A&F097 – 04/03/2025

Items for Urgent Report

There were no items for urgent report

A&F098 – 04/03/2025

Review of Finances 2024/25

To review of Finances 2024/25 – A&F Committee.pdf and make associated decisions

There were no recommendations relating to the accounts

To consider previously unidentified additional expenses for groundwork and equipment.

It was noted that the clearance of garden refuse and overgrowth on Ecewiche Green at the rear of Faulkland Way undertaken by JM Tree Services was funded from Contracted Amenities. PO1858

It was resolved to defer the decision on securing the boundary between Ecewiche Green and properties on Faulkland Way for 3 months until at least three committee members and Simon Freear had discussed the options.

Carried Unanimously

It was resolved that the GAMM should inspect the condition of the steps on Ecewiche Green and either remove them or report back to the committee with a recommendation

Carried Unanimously

A&F099 – 04/03/2025 Beacon Hall

- i. To note that all hirers have been advised of the changes to the booking fees
Councillors were advised that Tracey Edge had confirmed that other than to the Art Group emails advising of the new rates for hire had been issued. Consequently, the proposal in the February meeting to delay the implementation of increased fees has not happened.
- ii. To note that the internal lighting in Beacon Hall has been completed on time and with a very pleasing result.
- iii. To confirm that County Windows has been awarded the contract to replace faulty windowpanes in Beacon Hall, the date of fitting to be agreed.
- iv. It was resolved to investigate a replacement for the gas cooker with an electric model and to investigate the efficiency of the kitchen refrigerator delegated to Cllr Carr to report back to the committee
Carried Unanimously
- v. Promoting Beacon Hall was discussed including issues with the Beacon Hall web site which cannot be updated for technical reasons.
It was resolved that Cllr K Thomas would investigate taking down Beacon Hall web site.
Carried Unanimously

A&F100 – 04/03/2025 Beacon Field & Jubilee Garden

It was resolved to accept the report of 17th December 2024 by The Play Inspection Company and for the GAMM to work through the recommendations as soon as possible

Carried Unanimously

- i. It was resolved to obtain quotations for replacing the paths on Beacon Field
Carried Unanimously
- ii. It was noted that the hedges around the Beacon Field have been flailed but need to be reduced in height in the Autumn so that they are more manageable.

A&F101 – 04/03/2025 Braysdown Allotments

- i. To note that the revised quotation of QU-0041 from J M Tree Services of £1965 plus VAT for works to close the second gateway has been agreed and that the work is programmed for March 2025.

It was resolved that the next allotment Inspection will be arranged by Debbie Parish in April 2025.

Carried Unanimously

- ii. It was resolved that the date of early summer meeting of allotment holders at Beacon Hall to include a plant swap will be agreed at the allotment Inspection
Carried Unanimously

A&F102 – 04/03/2025 Ecewiche Green

It was noted that the planning application for the Wildlife Pond on Ecewiche Green is being processed by Steven Birch of Head Projects and that Habitat Restoration Co. have set tentative

dates 19th – 25th May 2025 for the work to construct the pond. It was further noted that planning application for the Wildlife Pond includes the planting of trees, to mitigate bio diversity net loss, on Beacon Field.

A&F103 – 04/03/2025 Persimmon Land, Village Greens, PROW, Roundabouts

- i. To receive an update on the initial improvement works on land transferred from Persimmon land
It was noted that the work on clearing plots of land transferred from Persimmon Homes is underway, some of which has been completed.
- ii. To receive an update on the mowing/maintenance of the village greens and bund (on either side of the A367). A report was not available
- iii. To receive an update on the sponsorship of the roundabouts. It was noted that the council is still waiting for requirements for planning from B&NES.
- iv. It was resolved that the tree survey being undertaken in March 2025 by Scott Watson of Wildwood and other issues regarding trees and hedges will be considered at an Advisory Panel meeting in April 2025 to recommend to Full Council a plan of work by council staff and/or outside contractors.

Carried Unanimously

A&F104 – 04/03/2025 Recreation Ground

- i. It was noted that maintenance of the broken drain at the Recreation Ground was outstanding.

F&A105 – 04/03/2025 to identify addition equipment for caretaking work and a date for a demonstration of a Grillo Climber

The following minute from the full council was noted:

C106 – 25/02/2025 It was resolved to 1) delegate to the RFO in conjunction with the chairs of A&F, F&G and Staffing to purchase, with a cost of up to £15,000 a Brillo Climber and associated equipment, subject to reviewing the business case and clarifying whether an electric option is possible. This is to be funded from Infrequent Operational Expenditure and/or New Tools and Machinery and/or the Persimmon Money as needed

F&A106 – 04/03/2025 Date and Time of Next Meeting & Future Agenda Items

The next meeting of the Amenities & Facilities Committee TBA.