



Coleford Town Council

Amenities Committee Tuesday 10 July 2018 Minutes

Attendees: Cllrs Lusty, E Elsmore, C Elsmore, Holloway, Thompson & Cox

1. There were no apologies
2. There were no declarations of interest on items on the agenda
3. There were no dispensation requests
4. The minutes of 12 June 2018 were noted/ the Clerk reported that the ramp at the King George V Pavilion had been made safe but a longer life repair could be done with non-slip decking boards at a cost of £600 - £1000 depending on the product used.

Recommendation

That the maintenance man keeps an eye on the present covering and that a high quality decking board replacement is built into next year's budget.

5. **To make recommendation re the request for a defibrillator in Palmers Flat**
Recommendation

That the Council investigate the possibility of installing the defibrillator in the telephone box on Palmers Flat by investigating the funding opportunity at the Forest of Dean District Council, obtaining a price for the refurbishment of the telephone box and costing the appropriate signage. The maintenance contractor to be asked for a price of weekly checks.

6. **To make recommendation re the wildflower area at Sunnybank**

The Committee felt it should be noted that the Neighbourhood Development Plan included a scheme for increasing the biodiversity and wild life areas in the town. Further enquiries need to be made to ascertain if there is a community group willing to take ownership of the area suggested

7. **To make recommendation re an additional rubbish bin in Parkend Walk**
Cllr Drury be asked to make enquires if a bin is required

8. **To make recommendation re the future maintenance of the cemetery**

The Clerk reported that she and the chair had met with the grass contractor and suggestions had been made to help improve the situation.

Recommendation

That after a spell of inclement weather where the grass is long the contractor is asked to collect the grass on the newer section.

That the contractor is asked to blow the grass off the gravestones. It was noted that if the grass was wet the contractor would have to wait for the clippings to dry.

That the strimming & mowing where possible are in in 1 day.

That the grass is cut up to the Victoria Road boundary.

Cllr Lusty asked everyone to consider turning the old part of the cemetery into a natural wild flower meadow. This would involve removing some of the broken kerbing and turfing some areas. She would like this option to be considered at the next meeting.