

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 at 7.00pm at Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall, King Alfred's Road, Sedbury.

Present: Councillors: Russell, Stead, Swambo (chairman), Tullett and Walsh.  
Officers: D Stevens (Assistant Clerk).

### 1. ATTENDANCE

- a. **Resolved to receive** apologies for absence from those councillors unable to attend, from Councillor Koning.
- b. **Resolved to accept** those apologies received with reasons for absence, from Councillor Koning.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**To receive Declarations of Interest** in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers and in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members. None received.

### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. **Resolved to approve** as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2025.
- b. **Resolved to consider** any matters arising from those minutes.

**Page 4, item 6** – Councillor Tullett asked if there has been any update with regards graveyard headstone/monument topple tests? The Assistant Clerk advised that he has discussed with the Church Warden for Tidenham Chase, St Michael and All Angels churchyard (an open churchyard) and they have been performing unofficial topple tests, checking if leaning headstone/monuments are secure but not recording results. It is the Church Wardens' intention to start official topple tests, with two people present and recorded results, in the coming weeks. The Assistant Clerk will stay in touch and all agreed not to get a quote for topple test until the Council has received more feedback.

**Page 5, item 8.b** – Councillor Walsh asked if the new Sedbury infant playground order has been confirmed and if an installation date is known. The Assistant Clerk advised the order has been confirmed and once manufactured he expects to receive a project plan and to meet the project team on site. We are still targeting end of March.

### 4. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

There were no members of the public present.

### 5. ASSISTANT CLERK'S REPORT

- a. **Resolved to accept** the Amenities budget sheet. The clerk advised that the Amenities spend is tracking in line with the budget.
- b. **Resolved to note** the light in the wall box of the Sedbury defibrillator is not working and a new wall box is to be considered at a future meeting.
- c. **Resolved to note** the Sedbury defibrillator was required by South West Ambulance Service on three occasions but not used and the Beachley defibrillator was used once (today). The defibrillators have been checked and put back on line on The Circuit app.
- d. **Resolved to note** the order for the Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall infant playground refurbishment has been placed and confirmed.
- e. **Resolved to note** the adult exercise equipment post and sign on Wyebank Road has gone missing. The Assistant Clerk to investigate purchasing a replacement.

### 6. TO CONSIDER CHURCHYARD WORKS AND ISSUES

**Resolved to note** the Church Warden has been contacted for details of headstone/monument topple tests at Tidenham Chase, St Michael and All Angels churchyard, see item 3.b above.

## 7. TO CONSIDER OPEN SPACE ISSUES

- a. **Resolved to accept** quotation from WN Adams for the removal of the WCCTV camera on the footpath between Tallards Place and Buttington Road, the return for repair, and the replacement, to either the same location or alternative location, following repair by the manufacturer. Cost for the removal and replacement is £200 plus Vat for each site visit, total cost £400 plus Vat = £480 including Vat. Councillors discussed the reliability issues the Council has experienced with these cameras but concluded there are many issues in the area and there is a need for working CCTV cameras.
- b. **Resolved to note** that Open Spaces Working Group updates will be considered at Full Council. Councillor Swambo advised he received an update on youth activities from Gloucestershire Gateway Trust which he will share the details at Full Council.

## 8. TO CONSIDER PLAYGROUND ISSUES

- a. Councillors considered quotes for the annual playground inspections which are due July, seven playgrounds in all.
  - i. **Resolved to accept** Play Inspection Company – £75.00 + VAT per playground.  
£525.00 + Vat = £630.00.
  - ii. **Resolved to not accept** ROSPA Play Safety – £74.70 + VAT per playground.  
£672.30 + Vat = £806.76.
  - iii. **Resolved to not accept** Gordon Playground Inspection Ltd – £100.00 per playground.  
£700.00 + Vat = £840.00.
- b. **Resolved to accept** investigation of inclusive roundabout at Buttington Road playground for rough running and possible worn bearings. Quote includes disassemble, inspect bearings, lubricate and reassemble. Parts are not included in the quote.
  - i. Kompan  
£624.00 + Vat = £748.80.
- c. **Resolved to accept** quote for new slam plate and fixings to replace missing parts on Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall infant playground gate.
  - i. IAE  
£51.91 + Vat = £62.29.

## 9. TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

There were none.

## 10. TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS' LOCAL REPORTS AND MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

**Cllr. Russell** – enquired if one of two litter bins near the SARA lifeboat station could be relocated as they are often not full. The Assistant Clerk advised that the district council was responsible for litter bins outside of parish council run playgrounds and that the Street Wardens are probably the best contacts.

**Cllr. Russell** – asked if Nathan Choat can be contacted to forward details of the person, he previously suggested, who could supply trees for planting in open areas.

**Cllr. Walsh** – asked if there was any update on the siting of recycling bins to prevent parking in front of the Tutshill recreation ground entrance by the two mini roundabouts. There was no update of this or the repainting of the double yellow lines,

**Cllr. Tullett** – asked if there were any details of the crash into the retaining wall on the corner of Beachley Road and Sedbury Lane. No details were known but it was understood the Police are aware of the car that hit the wall.

**Cllr. Swambo** – advised that there was a near accident between a car and the Tutshill CofE school crossing patrol again. Councillors discussed the benefits of a body cam but a decision to provide and the use of is the responsibility of the school and the County Council.

## 11. RESOLVED TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Next meeting 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2026.

The meeting closed at 19:50 hours.