Tidenham Parish Council

To Members of the Public and Press 5th November, 2026

You are invited to attend a meeting of Tidenham Parish Council's Amenities Committee that has been arranged for Wednesday 11th November **at 7.00pm** in Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall, King Alfred's Road, Sedbury, for the transaction of business according to the enclosed agenda.

Yours faithfully,
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Note: Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings of the Council and Committees, unless specifically excluded due to the confidential nature of the business. Members of the public can ask questions or make representation during item 4 but the council cannot make a decision on any matter which is not specified on the agenda.

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**
   a. **To receive** apologies for absence from those councillors unable to attend.
   b. **To consider** for acceptance those apologies received with reasons for absence.

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.
   Interests may be declared at any time during the meeting should they become apparent.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
   a. **To consider** for approval as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 16th September, 2026.
   b. **To consider** matters arising from those minutes.

4. **PUBLIC CONSULTATION** ***
   To receive and consider any questions from the Public, which may be answered but not debated.

5. **ASSISTANT CLERK'S REPORT**
   a. **To present** the Amenities budget sheet.
   b. **To report** the Parish Council defibrillators were called on twice but not used since the last meeting.
   c. **To report** no further feedback from Barratt / David Wilson Homes with regards a dog bin on the Wyedean Fields development.
   d. **To report** the regular playground safety checks were completed in October and a report issued.

6. **TO CONSIDER CHURCHYARD WORKS AND ISSUES**
   a. **To consider** information received with regards headstone / monument topple testing from Scribe (online tutorial), Coleford Town Council (topple testing procedures) and the local church warden (topple test performed) and if the Council should undertake topple testing in the three parish closed churchyards, or if a contractor should be identified and considered.
   b. **To consider** correspondence received and if quotes should be sought to remove an overgrown tree from a grave / monument at St John's churchyard, Beachley.

7. **TO CONSIDER OPEN SPACE ISSUES**
   a. **To consider** trimming of hedges, bushes, etc around the perimeter of the playing field behind the Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall. The overgrown hedges, bushes, etc on the south side by the two bungalows are encroaching on the playing field and growing over the boundary fence. The hedges, bushes, etc on the west side by the garages should be cleared as part of the condition of the original land transfer.
      i. TrunkArb Ltd – hedges, bushes, etc by the two bungalows. £750.00 + Vat = £900.00.
      ii. TrunkArb Ltd – hedges, bushes, etc by the garages. £175.00 + Vat = £210.00.

iii. David Kirkham – hedges, bushes, etc by the two bungalows. £300.00 no Vat.
iv. David Kirkham – hedges, bushes, etc by the garages. £300.00 no Vat.

b. **To consider** quote to further reduce the height of the hedge between Mopla Road and Tutshill Recreation Ground. Feedback from both a resident, with support from other residents, and the War Memorial Hall and Recreation Ground Trust suggest the hedge height should be reduced to 1.6m-1.8m (5-6 feet).

i. D S Cracknell Contracting. Power saw to lower height further when hedge is dormant. £450.00 + Vat = £540.00.

c. **To consider** the cost to install a GSM Smart Switch on the WCCTV camera on King Alfred's Road to be able to reboot camera should the camera present connection problems in the future.

i. W&A Adams. To supply a crew to install GSM Smart Switch £210.00 + Vat = £252.00.
ii. WCCTV. Supply and delivery of GSM Smart Switch. £405.00 + Vat = £486.00.

d. **To consider** quotes received for the replacement of the Solar Boost and connecting cable to the AutoSpeedwatch camera in Woodcroft.

i. W&A Adams. To supply a crew to remove/install Solar Boost and connect to AutoSpeedWatch camera. £250.00 + Vat = £300.00.
ii. AutoSpeedWatch. Solar Boost + connecting cable inc. postage. £121.80 + Vat = £146.16.

8. **TO CONSIDER PLAY AREA ISSUES**

a. **To consider** quotes for the annual playground inspections which are due in July 2027, seven playgrounds in all. Three contractors were asked to quote.

i. Play Inspection Company – £75.00 + VAT per playground. £539.00 + Vat = £646.80.
ii. ROSPA Play Safety – £74.70 + VAT per playground. £696.60 + Vat = £835.92.

b. **To consider** spending remaining Amenities budget at end of year on the replacement of play equipment at Tutshill War Memorial Recreation Ground that has been identified as a medium risk in the annual playground report. Quotations to be considered at a future meeting.

9. **TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

None.

10. **TO CONSIDER THE AMENITIES BUDGET FOR YEAR 2027/28**

11. **TO RECEIVE COUNCILLOR'S LOCAL REPORTS AND MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

12. **TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved to note the date of the next meeting and future council meetings:

a. Full Council meeting – 18th November, 2026.
b. Amenities Committee meeting – 13th January, 2027.

*** Allows a period not exceeding fifteen minutes for members of the public to make statements and ask questions of the Committee. This item does not preclude Suspension of Standing Orders by the Committee to allow participation on items on the agenda.

i) Each person will be required to state their name and address.

ii) Each person will be allowed no more than three minutes plus a brief follow-up to any answers given by the Committee.

iii) Questions may be answered but not debated by the Committee.

iv) Any issues that the Committee considers require consideration should be referred to the next meeting of the Committee or deferred to the next Full Council Meeting.