

Modbury Parish Council Maintenance Committee Meeting
Tuesday 30th May, 6.00pm in The Parish Office
MINUTES

2023 01M There were no apologies for absence

2023 02M Minutes from the meeting on 29th March 2023 were approved.

Matters arising:

Marigold's Day – discussion regarding the definition of weeds. Agreed that in inappropriate places weeds cause damage to eg. Walls, pavements. Discussion regarding the future use of weed spraying. This will be taken to full council for consideration.

2023 03M **Update / background on matters currently in the remit of the Committee:**

a) Grass-cutting / re-wilding – PS distributed maps showing the different grass areas and responsibilities for cutting. It was confirmed that rewilding is being developed on the grass verges either side of the junction of Church Street with Church Lane. **Clerk to contact OpenReach to request the removal of the concrete plinth on the verge to the west of Church Lane**

b) **The Patch** – work is progressing to open up this area to the general public as an accessible green space. A picnic bench has been installed, grass cut and trees trimmed. Consideration is being given to the 3 bird feeder items which are considered a safety hazard. Cllr Taylor had reported that all SHDC could do at present regarding the railings was to offer materials for volunteers to use. After discussion, it was agreed that we would get the job done professionally and charge SHDC retrospectively.

Clerk to attain 2 further quotes for the painting of the railings

PS to discuss development of a wild area and the possibility of a coronation commemorative plaque with MODWAG

c) **Walkway at the top of Church Street** – Agreed that further background work needs to be done regarding the feasibility of this project.

d) **Walkway across the grass verge at the junction of Dark Lane and Barracks Road** – Agreed that further background work needs to be done regarding the feasibility of this project.

Clerk to obtain 3 quotes for road surveyor to undertake this work. To make best use of the consultancy the company will also be asked to look at:

- Pedestrian access to the QEII Recreation Ground
- Barracks Road in the vicinity of the school
- increasing the parking areas at the top of Galpin Street

e) **Galpin Street Orchard** – Grass is cut once a year. Maintenance throughout the year is undertaken by the Orchard Group. The lease stipulates that there should be 15 fruit trees at any one time.

PS to speak to the group to ascertain that this is being complied with

f) **Tree survey** – Recommendation that a tree survey is done every 2 years.

PS to discuss with Tree Warden

g) **Millenium Meadow** – Grass cut once a year. Maintenance throughout the year is undertaken by the MM Group

h) **Pot – holes and Buddle holes** – PS to discuss mapping of all with Rob West in preparation for the creation of a work schedule. Discussion regarding who would do the work and previous volunteers will be contacted to work alongside Rob as Road Warden.

Clerk reminded Committee that photos and records need to be kept for accounting purposes.

Clerk to apply for Highways Maintenance Community Enhancement Fund towards Lengthsman work and the hire of a company to do ploughing out

i) Play Parks – Monthly inspections are undertaken by SHDC and maintenance work done accordingly. Grass cut by Arborcure. There is a piece of equipment in the MHPA that has been removed temporarily pending repair. **It was agreed that unless this can be repaired at a reasonable price it will be disposed of.**

j) Emergency Maintenance Person – PS indicated that the EMP did not wish to do additional hours to those already being done and it was agreed that further consideration would be given to paid workers once we had a full picture of outstanding maintenance work

k) Benches - PS has mapped where they are. **Agreed that an on-going maintenance programme needed to be put in place.**

PS to add strimming around all the benches to the Arborcure contract

l) P3 – Brian Weeks continues to be P3 Co-ordinator and PS MPC liaison

m) Litter Pickers – PS is the MPC liaison

n) Emergency Plan – **Agreed this would be on the agenda for the next meeting.**

2023 04M The Maintenance Budget lines update on monies remaining (Distributed previously) were noted.

2023 05M It was agreed that priorities and a schedule for maintenance work will be agreed when the actions from this meeting are completed and a full picture is established.

2023 07M The date for the next meeting is Tuesday 27th June at 6pm in The Parish Office. Agenda items to the clerk for 15th June.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm