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**Minutes of the Maintenance and Traffic Committee meeting held at 12.00noon  
on 12th March 2021 online via Zoom**

**Committee Members present:** Cllr John Hickford – Chair, Cllr George Cassidy, Cllr Julia Davies, Cllr Mike Dormon, Gini Trower - co-opted

**Others Present:** Sarah Neighbour - Clerk

**92/21 PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no members of the public present.

**93/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

**94/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**95/21 APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February 2021 were agreed by the Committee and will be signed by the Chair when it is safe to do so.

**Cllrs are reminded that minutes circulated are taken as read at the next meeting. If they have any comments, they should contact the Clerk prior to the meeting.**

**96/21 PLAYGROUND**

The handyman continues to pass the monthly inspection reports to the Clerk

**97/21 PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS AND FITNESS EQUIPMENT**

The contractors will commence with the improvement works on 15<sup>th</sup> March as the ground has now dried out. There is a large tree root adjacent to the new toddler unit so Proludic have proposed changing the angled board to a flat one to prevent the root becoming a hazard. Cllr Dormon will investigate costings for a new fence to surround the outdoor gym area.

**98/21 CCTV**

The CCTV cameras are now up and running and will be tested throughout March. It was agreed that the angle of the camera in the village playground should be adjusted in order for the new equipment to be monitored. Three councillors are invited to visit the control room in Stevenage to view the footage from the cameras, this needs to be arranged. A lunch will also be arranged at the Red Lion for Lee who helped assist with the CCTV.



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**99/21 RUBBISH BIN**

No further update.

**100/21 PAINTING OF RED PHONE BOX AND BOLLARDS**

The painter willing to carry out the works is not available until June and estimated the cost of the works would be £350. The committee discussed using volunteers to paint the phone box, the Clerk will check the Councils public liability insurance to check cover for volunteers and report back.

**101/21 TO CONSIDER LITTER AND FLY TIPPING**

The committee discussed using the 'Don't be a Tosser' posters which many other councils are using to discourage littering. Great Amwell Parish Council do not wish to use these posters.

**102/21 NEW FLOWER BEDS**

The clerk advised that the additional posts for the new flower beds have now arrived and Cllr Dormon and the handyman will arrange a time between them to construct them.

**103/21 SPEEDING IN THE VILLAGE**

At the Council meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> March, it was agreed that a working group will be formed to discuss measures to slow down traffic and the '20's plenty for Us' campaign. The advice from the County Council is to focus on one road initially for imposing a 20mph limit e.g. the High Street and once that has been secured work towards implementing 20mph limits in other areas in the village as this approach has worked elsewhere.

**104/21 WEIGHT LIMITS IN THE VILLAGE**

Cllr Hickford recently spoke to a HGV driver who was using the village as a through route and wasn't aware that his vehicle was exceeding the weight limit. Cllr Hickford will get



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photographic and video evidence of this ongoing problem and write to Cllr Eric Buckmaster at Hertfordshire County Council.

**105/21 DEFIBRILATOR – REPORTING UPDATE**

Cllr Howlett continues to monitor the defibrillator on a regular basis on behalf of the council which is very much appreciated. The clerk will forward the monitoring reports on to the Committee and investigate a training session on how to use the defibrillator.

**106/21** The next meeting of the M and T Committee will be on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021 at 12noon.

Signed .....Chair Date.....