

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PARISH OFFICE ON TUESDAY 19th JULY 2016 AT 7.30pm

PRESENT Councillors, Lorna Clark, Gary Grayston, Jeff Jones, Marie Males, Conrad Oatey, Glennis Robinson, Mel Roper (Chair), Kevin Shaw, Liz Taylor

The Clerk Lesley Bancroft and Cllr Carys Thomas were also present

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Peter Rapley reasons agreed and approved

16/AME/024 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A reminder regarding the quarry visit on the 27th July. Meet at the quarry at 2 p.m. Let the Clerk know this evening if you wish to go.

16/AME/025 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Jeff Jones for the workshop

16/AME/026 TO REPORT MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 21st JUNE 2016 NOT ON THE AGENDA – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

None

16/AME/027 TO REVIEW REGULATIONS REGARDING PLAQUES FOR THE LYCH GATE

The present regulations having been tabled, the following was agreed

RECOMMENDATION

East Leake Parish Council will no longer supply the plaques. The plaques will be of metal and as per the dimensions on the application form. Employees of the Parish Council only will affix the plaques. An application for a plaque must be approved by the Parish Council. The Clerk will edit the present regulations to table at the full council meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Oatey. Seconded by Cllr Marie Males. Agreed unanimously.

16/AME/028 TO CONSIDER A RESPONSE TO RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL DESIGN & LANDSCAPE OFFICER REGARDING THE PROTECTION OF TREES IN EAST LEAKE

Concern had been raised over the lack of information the Parish Council had received over the removal of trees near the railway bridge on Station Road, East Leake. In response to a letter addressing those concerns, an item will appear in the newsletter and the Parish Council will write to the landowners to express its displeasure at the removal of the trees and seek to find out what, if any, arrangements are or will be put in place for re planting within the area - Agreed

16/AME/029 TO CONSIDER THE FLOOD RESILIENCE STORE GRANT SCHEME

The Committee declined the invitation to set up a flood resilience store due to lack of space. However, to be kept in the loop so that we get asked again - Agreed

16/AME/030 TO DETERMINE THE LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GLEBE

A paper 'Thoughts on the Glebe' had been tabled. After discussion, the following was agreed for the time being:

The priority work would be:

Restoration

1. Gypsum bed
 - a. Leave red berberis (RHS) but clear everything else
 - b. Trim berberis into shape
 - c. Replant on LHS / back with small decorative shrubs
 - d. Plant heathers (mixture summer / winter flowering), bulbs and perhaps summer bedding in front of capsule
2. Island between Gypsum bed and road
 - a. Remove completely, as it blocks the view of the Gypsum bed
 - b. Remove pine and other trees (need permission) from bed as they are too close to neighbouring chestnut trees

In addition:

A tree inspection to be carried out prior to commencement of any work
Consideration to be given to additional benches
Subject to the tree inspection – trees to be removed and stump grinding work arranged.
To be a winter project to begin after October. Pruning must be carried out at the correct time of the year.
Cllr Oatey will meet with the tree officer.
At the time of digging, take the opportunity to plant bulbs.
The Glebe to be added to the ongoing projects list.

16/AME/031 **TO DISCUSS THE MAINTENANCE OF THE PATHWAY ON THE GOTHAM ROAD RECREATION GROUND WHICH RUNS PARALLEL TO THE REAR OF DE FERRERS CLOSE**

As this is a public footpath, the Rights of Way Officer will be contacted regarding the possibility of resurfacing - Agreed

16/AME/032 **TO AUTHORISE A CHEQUE FOR PAYMENT FOR INSURANCE FOR THE SIT ON MOWER**

A cheque to the value of £164.25 for the sit on mower insurance was authorised.

16/AME/033 **TO REVIEW PROGRESS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR ONGOING PROJECTS IN RELATION TO:**

Parking – Health Centre Car Park - The short stay and 4 hour parking signs were made available to the committee. The short stay sign to be at the entrance to the Health Centre Car Park to alert motorists to the fact that it is limited time parking. The 4 hour parking signs will be affixed to posts within the car park. The signs to be erected once the breast screening unit has departed.

Meadow Park – Management Plan Update – The final draft is with Paul Phillips, the officer in charge of Meadow Park at the Borough for his consideration. The vandalised bridge has been repaired. The legs of the vandalised bench are sticking up above ground level. The legs to be sawn down as the bench is unrepairable. Due to vandalism and improper use, it was our understanding that one of the archways was to be blocked off by Great Central Railway. As this has not yet been done the Clerk will contact GNCR for an update. The overgrown shrubbery along the path at the side of the lagoon on Nixon Walk is to be trimmed for the time being but cut back by Streetwise at a later date.

Proposed Woodland Management Plan – This plan for the Friends of Meadow Park was noted.

Rest Garden – A plan of the rest garden was tabled, particularly in relation to the siting of a memorial bench which would be the same or similar to the one outside the post office. Planting would take place around the bench. Digging the garden is ongoing but very hard work and we have not been overwhelmed with volunteers. The first tranche of money from the Tesco Bags of Help project in the sum of £7,500 has been received ready for use.

Workshop Extension – Building Regulations plans have been submitted. The next step is to go through the tendering process.

Closed Churchyard – Nothing further to report

Play Equipment/Skate Park – The zip wire having been fixed, broke again and has been fixed again!. A quote is awaited for the art work scheme for the skate park and in the meantime, arrangements are in place for Streetwise to provide additional boarding around the safety rails to complement the proposed art work. Steps are being taken to prevent rain water entering some of the gaps between the wooden panels. An email from a skate park user regarding the condition of the skate park was noted.

Burial Ground – Consecration of additional areas of the burial ground to be considered for next year.

Oldershaw Trust Land – An article, by way of consultation, for the use of the land is in the newsletter to encourage responses.

Community Boost Project - Trim Trail - Members of the committee had, via various links to trim trail providers, sought information on the type of equipment available. Another meeting is to be arranged for members of the committee to discuss the requirements and in the meantime brochures from the named suppliers would be requested.

Sheep Plank Lane – Notes from the meeting of the 29 June were tabled and we await a response from the Rights of Way Officer. We understand that hard core is to be made available to us for some resurfacing work of the lane from the Stanford Hall Development. We have had no response to date from the land owner along the side of the lane regarding a permissive right of way.

Finger Posts – We have received funding from three developers towards the refurbishment of finger posts in and around the village. Our borough councillors are being asked if they have available funding and Section 106 money may be an option. Clerk to enquire.

Recycling Bins- The recycling centre on Gotham Road has been judged to be an eyesore. There are now more bins than previously expected. An article, by way of consultation, is in the newsletter to try to establish the best location for the recycling bins. If moving them is an option, then a decision needs to be made as to where. Screening the present area is another option. The manager at the Co-op store has been contacted for his views in relation to relocating the bins into the Co-op car park. At this stage he has no objection in principle but this will be subject to further discussion.

Bench Audit – Still to be undertaken and added to the list of ongoing projects

Cllr Males left the meeting at 9.04 p.m.

16/AME/034 TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Minutes of the Friends of Meadow Park dated 6th July 2016 - Noted

16/AME/035 QUESTIONS TO CHAIRMAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER SECTION 1U.

None

Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.