

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PARISH OFFICE ON TUESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7.30pm

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

The Clerk Mrs Lesley Bancroft was also present

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Conrad Oatey, reasons agreed and approved

16/AME/043 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Addition of an item relating to Hanging Baskets - **Agreed**

16/AME/044 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

16/AME/045 TO REPORT MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 16th AUGUST 2016 NOT ON THE AGENDA – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

16/AME/42 Gateway signs – No further information received.

16/AME/046 TO UPDATE ON THE PRESENT WEEKEND OPENING AND CLOSING OF THE PUBLIC TOILETS

The opening and closing of the public toilets at the weekend is working well. The public perception is good. The toilets will be closed earlier as the dark nights come in. Cllr Lorna Clark agreed to be added to the rota in the event of others having difficulty doing the duty.

16/AME/047 TO DETERMINE THE SEASONAL CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FOR 2016 AND WITH A VIEW TO SUBMITTING THE LICENCE APPLICATION DUE BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER

There was uncertainty as to whether Christmas lights would be installed in the lime tree in Mr Cursham's garden on Main Street this year. We await further information. The Clerk will complete the licence application form for the other Christmas lights and trees as required. Five solar powered trees are to be ordered to trial them this year and for installation on the lamp posts.

16/AME/048 TO DISCUSS ITEMS FROM THE NEWSLETTER WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO CONSULTATION AND COMMENT

Oldershaw Trust Land – The majority of comments were to leave the area as it is at present. Further investigation is to be undertaken with a view to moving the basketball equipment to the Gotham Road Recreation Ground – **Agreed**.

Recycling Centre- The majority consensus was for moving the bins. Rushcliffe borough Council is to be notified of our consultation findings with a view to relocating the bins. Further discussion will be instigated with the Co-op.

Health Centre Car Park – Comments noted.

Severn Trent Water – The comment received is to be put on record and shared with the public in the next newsletter, with STW, Stanford Hall, The Environment Agency and Rushcliffe Borough Council, in order to reiterate our reservations regarding the sewage capacity in the village.

16/AME/049 TO REVIEW THE PARISH COUNCIL PLAYGROUND POLICY

The Clerk will combine the Playground Policy details with the details in the policy forming part of the Neighbourhood Plan. On completion –

RECOMMENDATION

To adopt the Playground Policy

Proposed Cllr Glennis Robinson Seconded Cllr Kevin Shaw
Agreed Unanimously

16/AME/050 TO REVIEW PROGRESS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR ONGOING PROJECTS IN RELATION TO:

Parking – Email from a resident concerning parking as a major issue was noted. A reassessment of the parking on Gotham Road is to be undertaken but to await the impact from the Health Centre Car Park four hour parking restriction once in force.

Meadow Park – Additional comments regarding the Management Plan from FMP have been submitted to Paul Philips. We await his response. We are informed there is no Japanese Knotweed in Meadow Park.

Rest Garden – Ongoing. Plants are on order. Proposals are required for the shelter. The original plans for the Rest Garden to be distributed. Costings and budget to be confirmed. A working party meeting is to be arranged as soon as possible consisting of members of the Amenities Committee to finalise plans and the choice of shelter.

Workshop Extension – Awaiting responses to tender invitations. Closing date 30th September.

Closed Churchyard – Nothing to report

Play Equipment –

- **Skate park** - Quotes for the artwork and installation of 18mm Marine ply boards to back faces of the skate park frame and to build top half of frame to match the bottom were accepted (as previously recorded) and instructions for the work to begin have been authorised.
- **Benches around New Play Area** – It was agreed additional benches be installed around the new play area. The Clerk will enquire about prices to bring to the next meeting. Arrangements are to be made to paint the older climbing frame subject to budget.
- **DDA Roundabout** – A quote for the repair of the roundabout from the manufacturers was £1700 including VAT. Enquiries are to be made regarding the costs of a new roundabout before progressing further.
- **MUGA (Multi unit games area)** – Two of the blue panels were split. The quotation from the manufacturer for the repair is £2153.23 including VAT. The Committee authorised the work to be undertaken.

RECOMMENDATION

In the interest of safety the damaged panels on the MUGA be replaced by the manufacturer at a cost of £2153.23

Proposed Cllr Kevin Shaw Seconded Cllr Liz Taylor
Agreed Unanimously

- **Litter Bins** – Enquiries are to be made as to the cost and installation of bins matching those already on the Recreation Ground (large black bins)

Burial Ground – Nothing further to report.

Oldershaw Trust Land – Discussed above 16/AME/48

Community Boost Project – Trim Trail The trim trail working group had met on the 6th September to discuss its requirements for the trail. The Clerk will ensure Stanford Hall and Groundwork Nottingham are made aware of the requirements/suggestions and seek their comments and timescale for the project.

9.05pm Cllr Marie Males left the meeting.

Sheep Plank Lane – The owner of the field to the side of the lane which floods was not agreeable to laying hard-core in front of his gate. Cllr Liz Taylor to make further enquiries to the Rights of Way Officer at Nottinghamshire County Council.

Finger Posts – The first finger post is in place. The second post Main Street/Castle Hill is on order. Cllr John Thurman is arranging funding towards a post. A bid through supporting local communities is to be submitted.

Recycling Bins – Discussed above 16/AME/48

Bench Audit – An audit carried out by Adey Bennett the Community Warden was tabled. Cllr Jeff Jones tabled a map of the area where benches are located. Cllr Jones and the Community Warden to jointly identify the benches which need priority work or placement.

The Glebe – Adey Bennett is carrying out work on the Glebe at present. In order to assist his work a skip has been ordered for ease of removing the vegetation and a mini digger is to be hired to expediate the heavy work load – **Agreed.**

16/AME/51 **TO CONSIDER EXTENDING THE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT OF THE HANGING BASKETS**

It was agreed not to extend the contract

16/AME/052 **TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING – FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

1. Matt Youdale – Rushcliffe Business Showcase, Tuesday November 1st at BGS Keyworth - Noted

16/AME/053 **QUESTIONS TO CHAIRMAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER SECTION 1U.**

None

The meeting closed 9.30pm