

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

PRESENT Councillors, Gary Grayston, Marie Males (Chairman), Conrad Oatey, Glennis Robinson, Mel Roper, Kevin Shaw

The Clerk Lesley Bancroft and one member of the public were also present.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs Lorna Clark, Carys Thomas and Peter Rapley reasons agreed and approved

15/AME/091 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Reminder it's the Annual Parish Meeting tomorrow night in the Village Hall. Help is needed to set-up from 6.30pm onwards for meeting to commence at 7.00pm.

15/AME/092 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Mel Roper declared an interest in 15/AME/096 Meadow Park.

15/AME/093 TO REPORT MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 15TH MARCH 2016 NOT ON THE AGENDA – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

None

15/AME/094 TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 'VILLAGE WALKABOUT'

The walkabout will take place on the 17th May starting at 6.30pm at the Parish Office and will concentrate on the village centre.

15/AME/095 TO CONSIDER AREAS FOR BULB PLANTING IN SEPT/OCT

Five Hundred mixed daffodil bulbs are to be purchased for planting on the Village Green and the Rest Garden. The bulbs on the Village Green to be planted around the base of the trees. The planting is to take place ideally on a Saturday with public/volunteer help.

15/AME/096 TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT PROPOSALS FOR THE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR MEADOW PARK

Suggestions received via a letter in relation to the Meadow Park Management Plan in connection with Oak Meadow and the Arboretum were discussed.

The meeting closed at 7.40 for a representation from Meadow Park.

The meeting re-opened at 7.50pm.

Cllr Carys Thomas joined the meeting at 7.50pm

The Committee felt at this time it was not able to implement the suggestions in the letter. Thanks was expressed for the interest.

A Sub-Committee/Working Group consisting of Cllrs Kevin Shaw, Conrad Oatey, Mel Roper and Marie Males would meet to discuss the Management Plan and refer its findings back to the next Amenities Committee meeting if possible.

15/AME/097 TO REVIEW THE GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT FOR MEADOW PARK WHICH IS DUE FOR RENEWAL

Tenders for the grass cutting are to be invited with a view to

- Fields – 1 cut per year
- Arboretum – 1 cut per year

It was not felt appropriate or necessary for the number of bales harvested to be noted.

**Proposed Cllr Conrad Oatey Seconded Cllr Kevin Shaw
Agreed Unanimously**

15/AME/098 TO CONSIDER COMMUNITY BOOST PROJECTS

Funding for a fitness/trim trail plus funding for a BMX track would be sought under the Community Boost Scheme.

15/AME/099 TO REVIEW THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE OPENING AND CLOSING OF THE PUBLIC TOILETS

The Committee felt that the public toilets should be open on Bank Holidays and on Sundays. In order to explore the feasibility of this all Councillors will be asked to take it in turn via a rota system to take responsibility for the opening and closing of the Public Toilets on Bank Holidays and on Sundays.

15/AME/100 TO REVIEW PROGRESS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR ONGOING PROJECTS IN RELATION TO:

Parking – The Health Centre Car Park is ongoing. Completion is expected either end of this week or end of next week, depending on tarmac and white lining. The car park is to be closed early on a Friday morning until the following Monday (ie over a weekend) in order to tarmac and white line. Public notices will be displayed and the Health Centre Staff are to be notified as soon as we are instructed. Entrances to be closed off and notices to be published at the entrance.

The four hour waiting signs will be placed one at the entrance and on each of two lighting columns in the car park. A reminder is to be issued to businesses regarding the availability of parking long term in the Co-op car park.

Meadow Park - To arrange where possible to bring large logs from the Burial Ground to Meadow Park for Forest School use.

Rest Garden - Awaiting the installation of a fence by Streetwise.

The Tesco Bags of Help Scheme will be implemented for this project using the £10,000 awarded to us.

Workshop Extension – Awaiting information to take the project forward for Building Regulations prior to going out to tender

Closed Churchyard – Plans for the replacement of the flower bed to the west of the porch are under review.

Play Equipment – Proludic is to be consulted on ideas for the replacement of the canopy which has been removed.

Burial Ground – A new gate costing approximately £100 is to be collected and installed by Cllr Conrad Oatey and volunteers between the Burial Ground and Allotments

The boundary hedge to the burial ground and Caravan Site (to the side of the woodland area) is to be board fenced by the landowner over the next couple of years.

The boundary hedge at the top of the Burial Ground (through the wooded area) is to be laid with volunteer help.

The Committee needs to begin considering the consecration of more land at the Burial Ground.

CCTV – The installation to the Police Station is complete. The power column needs further work by way of a blue plug to the top to provide power to the camera. Nottinghamshire County Council is to look at the installation and provision of the plug. Nottinghamshire County Council to be asked to provide the appropriate key/tools to us for allowing the column to be levered down.

An additional item – Oldershaw Trust land was added.

Oldershaw Trust Land – The Committee agreed to explore the use of the land with the possibility of providing swings and to turn an area of the land in to use for a Community Orchard for the community run by the community. This is to be an item for the newsletter. Cllr Kevin Shaw will explore this further.

**15/AME/101 TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING –
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None

**15/AME/102 QUESTIONS TO CHAIRMAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER
SECTION 1U.**

None

The meeting closed at 9.10pm