

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PARISH OFFICE ON TUESDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2016 AT 7.35pm

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

The Clerk Mrs Lesley Bancroft was also present

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Jeff Jones, reasons agreed and approved

16/AME/053 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

16/AME/054 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

16/AME/055 TO REPORT MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 20th SEPTEMBER 2016 NOT ON THE AGENDA – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

16/AME/050 Parking – The Breast Screening Unit is due to leave East Leake on 3rd November.

16/AME/056 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM A RESIDENT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A CHRISTMAS TREE HOLDER ON A PRIVATE HOUSE

The Parish Council provides Christmas Trees, lights and brackets for the commercial centre of the village and has no jurisdiction over residential properties and does not propose to take on this responsibility. However the Parish Council can advise on where to purchase brackets, trees and lights to be in keeping with the festive lights in the village. An offer will be made to the resident to supply a bracket subject to a donation – Agreed.

16/AME/057 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF EAST LEAKE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH TO ACT AS A VOLUNTEER DOG WARDEN

The Committee agreed to a volunteer Dog Warden role for a member of the Neighbourhood Watch team subject to advice and training from the Borough Warden and the wearing of high viz clothing. Volunteers are covered under our insurance policy. The offer from the resident was received with thanks on behalf of the Parish Council.

16/AME/058 TO COME TO A DECISION ON THE INSTALLATION OF A BLUE PLAQUE ON THE SIDE WALL OF EAST LEAKE CHIP SHOP (SUBJECT TO FURTHER INFORMATION)

It was agreed a blue plaque regarding the Mills family history is to be installed. The cost of the plaque is £364.00 which the committee agreed to fund. The plaque is to be installed by the History Society. Information for the noticeboard is to be considered at a later date - Agreed

16/AME/059 TO CONSIDER FUTURE PROJECTS FOR BUDGETING PURPOSES – Refer to documents previously circulated.

The list of projects for consideration were:

- Gotham Road car park extension
- Lockable water supply located near to the brick planters/rest garden
- Lockable water/electricity supply to Gotham Road recreation ground

- Repainting of the climbing frame
- Additional benches
- Trim trail

The priority projects from the Committee for budget purposes are the extension of the Gotham Road car park and the trim trail - Agreed

16/AME/060 TO CONSULT THE COMMUNITY PLAN IN RELATION TO PROJECTS

The Community Plan Actions were discussed in relation to its aims/projects. Particular attention being paid to the following:

- Improve central shopping area – this is for future discussion
- Raise awareness of CCTV – to be an item in the Parish Council newsletter and to discuss further with the Police
- Adult Education classes – refer back to Community Plan Group for further feedback
- Community Hub for volunteers – Addressed via Parish Council Newsletter item. No response
- Outdoor gym equipment – refer to trim trail.
- Parking facilities at Costock Road Playing Fields – project completed
- Youth activity – efforts have been made by the Parish Council to form a Youth Parish Council. Meetings had taken place with school pupils from the Academy, representatives of Rushcliffe Borough Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, the YouNG Project, youth agencies and via the newsletter. Unfortunately, to date, due to lack of response there had been no further developments.

16/AME/061 TO REVIEW PROGRESS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR ONGOING PROJECTS IN RELATION TO:

Parking – A new parking survey in the Parish Council car parks is arranged for week beginning Monday 14th November. Surveys timed for 9.30am, 12.30pm and 4.00pm. A new plan for the Health Centre car park is to be drawn up since the refurbishment.

Leaflets regarding the introduction of 4 hour parking limit to be designed (CT). Parking arrangements for local businesses at the Co-op are to be confirmed. The surveyors are to be as follows:

Monday 14th November – Cllr Kevin Shaw
 Tuesday 15th November – Cllr Lorna Clark – 9.00am start
 Wednesday 16th November – Cllr Liz Taylor
 Thursday 17th November – Cllr Carys Thomas
 Friday 18th November – Cllr Conrad Oatey

All above subject to confirmation.

Gotham Road Car Park – Cllr Jeff Jones to be consulted with a view to carrying out conditions of planning application consent. The plans to be made available at the next Amenities Meeting.

Meadow Park – Report of a fire in the Lagoon Field – No further information

Rest Garden – A good planting day last Saturday with a good turnout of helpers. All planting completed. The installation of a Memorial Bench is imminent. The main path to be cleared of soil and exposed. The proposed shelter of various designs were discussed.

RECOMMENDATION

To approve the purchase and installation of Shelter A £2,450.00 plus £199.00 for the seat plus concrete base and installation.

**Proposed Cllr Conrad Oatey
Agreed Unanimously**

Seconded Cllr Glennis Robinson

Workshop Extension – A recommendation is to be made to Full Council from the Management Committee

Closed Churchyard – Nothing further to report

Play Equipment

- **Skate Park** – The additional woodwork to bring the sides flush, as we understand, to be done this week. The artist is ready to proceed.
- **Benches** – Two Gladstone Fusion benches are to be purchased at a cost of £262.65 each excluding VAT. Dark wood effect. To be installed on the outside of the fenced playground – Agreed

9.00pm Cllr Marie Males left the meeting

- **DDA Roundabout** – Having received quotes for the repair of the roundabout together with quotes for a new roundabout it was agreed to go for the repair option.

RECOMMENDATION

To approve the repair of the DDA roundabout at a cost of £1,700.00 excluding VAT by the supplier Park Leisure

**Proposed Cllr Kevin Shaw Seconded Cllr Glennis Robinson
Agreed Unanimously**

- **Bins** – Two new litter bins have been installed as agreed, on the outside of the fenced play area. The redundant posts enclosed in the play area are to be sawn down below surface and the hole to be infilled with wet pore.
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Burial Ground – Having received reports of games/football being played at the Burial Ground and activity of which the Police have been informed it was agreed to trial motion sensitive cameras in the area

A new manhole cover has been fitted to the side of the toilet block.

Arrangements are to be made to inspect/empty the cesspit

Oldershaw Trust Land – Nothing further to report and in view of the results of the consultation which concluded that the land be left as it is, this item is to be removed from this list. To remove the basketball equipment via angle grinding. Parish Council Ground staff to remove with offer of assistance from Councillor Shaw.

Community Boost Project – Trim trail – Awaiting further information

Sheep Plank Lane – Cllr Liz Taylor to pursue

Finger Posts – Replacement posts ongoing

Recycling Bins – An email from a resident against the resighting of the bins was noted. To respond after consultation with the Co-op and David Banks, Rushcliffe Borough Council and the Parish Council decision.

Bench Audit – A consistency of the style of benches would be preferable in the conservation area. Examples of benches and prices to be made available for the next meeting and then to consult the bench audit compiled by Cllr Jeff Jones and Adey Bennett to decide priority benches for replacement/repair.

The Glebe – Work well underway on the Glebe and project managed by Adey Bennett. The use of the digger has enabled the removal of tree trunks and roots. For the time being the new beds are to be planted with bulbs and winter bedding – Agreed. Dogs on leads notices are to be displayed during works.

**16/AME/062 TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING –
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1. Email, Colin Offland, Dog Warden – re: sighting of rats – noted

**16/AME/063 QUESTIONS TO CHAIRMAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER
SECTION 1U.**

None

16/AME/064 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – STAFF HOURS

It was resolved that the public be excluded from the Meeting for consideration of the above item of business pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted (see page 88a)

The meeting closed at 9.32.pm