

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PARISH OFFICE ON TUESDAY 16th MAY 2017 AT 7.30pm

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

The Deputy Clerk Sue Lewis and Cllr John Thurman were also present

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs Liz Taylor reasons agreed and approved.

17/AME/01 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

17/AME/02 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

17/AME/03 TO REPORT MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 18th APRIL 2017 NOT ON THE AGENDA – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

16/AME/106 – Hanging Basket Licence and Column testing. The Deputy Clerk has been in touch with Nottinghamshire County Council and was informed that the licences had not been processed yet and did not know when she would get round to looking at them. It was agreed to proceed with the hanging baskets on the assumption it will be granted and to report to Cllr Andy Brown.

16/AME/110 Burial Ground – Ash Tree. Cllr Conrad Oatey reported that he had looked at the tree and in his opinion it looks perfectly healthy, it had shed a large branch and it could do with pruning at high level but there is no hurry to carry out this work.

17/AME/04 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF PICNIC BENCHES AND TREES AROUND THE GOTHAM ROAD PLAY AREA

The Chair referred to the report previously circulated.

Following a discussion the installation of picnic benches and trees was agreed in principle and the Deputy Clerk was asked to contact Felicity and ask her to investigate funding sources.

17/AME/05 TO REVIEW PROGRESS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR ONGOING PROJECTS IN RELATION TO:

Parking – Nothing to report

Meadow Park – Poo-lution! It was agreed that the FMP could go ahead spray painting dog faeces on Meadow Park but they do need to raise awareness of this with the general public.

Cllr Conrad Oatey reported that he and Ann Weekley have been in discussion with Richard Jenks with regard to the mowing contract and in particular the Arboretum and asking him to agree to a 3 year contract. We await Richard's reply.

A request has been received from Richard that the gate on Bateman Road be widened as he is having difficulty getting his tractor and mower through the 10ft gate. Paul Phillips has been contacted at Rushcliffe Borough Council who has no objections and if we do the work they will refund the cost of the materials used.

Rest Garden – Shelter. The shelter is to be installed week commencing 6th June.

Adey would like to order 400 bedding plants some to be planted in the Rest Garden and the rest around the village – agreed.

Cllr Kevin Shaw reported that he had been approached by the Manager of Thurman Lodge asking if our Groundsman could take on the cutting of the grass in front of Thurman Lodge as their contract with the builders has come to an end – Agreed

Workshop Extension – Workshop near completion. Cllr Jeff Jones to be requested to inspect and make a list of any snagging.

Cllr Conrad Oatey reported that the hardstanding area at the back of the workshop is not level and was not sure if an agreement had been made with Saunders to make the area good, if this is not the case could Kenway be asked to give a quote for resurfacing the area – Agreed. Serious thought is also needed to be given to securing the boundary where all the shrubs were dug out as it is easy access for cars to drive on to the playing field. It was suggested that that some of the old fencing on the old play area be used. Cllr Kevin Shaw stated that there was also surplus fencing at the back of the village hall which could be used if long enough.

Consideration is also needed to landscaping of the area – it was agreed that this be a project for the autumn.

Closed Churchyard – Nothing to report

Play Equipment to include request for additional equipment on Skate Park - Cllr Kevin Shaw to contact the young lad who has requested the additional equipment and to discuss the requirements and report back to the next Amenities Meeting.

The Deputy Clerk reported that Streetwise will commence the repair work on Tuesday 23rd May.

Burial Ground – Nothing to report

Community Boost Trim Trail – Still no reply from follow-up email. Cllr Conrad Oatey to speak to Cllr Ron Hetherington who is on the Groundworks Board. It was agreed that if there is no further information then the Committee go ahead with the project themselves. – Agenda item for next meeting when all photographs and brochures be produced of the type of equipment required.

Sheep Plank Lane – Response from Jane Baines, Nottinghamshire County Council. The Chairman referred to the email previously circulated and the Committee agreed that this was 'brilliant' news.

Finger Posts – The finger post at the junction of Brookside and Station Road has now been replaced and the finger post at the top of Gotham Road has been cleaned. A letter requesting a donation for a replacement finger post at the top of Woodgate has been sent to the developers on Kirk Ley. To date a reply has not been received.

Benches – As agreed by Full Council the benches have now been ordered and we await a delivery date.

The Glebe – Nothing to report

Ford on the Village Green – Streetwise have jet washed the ford but it has not made any difference. It was agreed that once permission has been received for a bollard the weeds be raked out and the blocks repointed and re-mortared.

**17/AME/06 TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING –
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1. Nicola Craven, Woodlands Trust – Free Trees for Schools Project – to be an agenda item on the next Amenities Committee.

**17/AME/07 QUESTIONS TO CHAIRMAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER
SECTION 1U.**

There were no questions

The meeting closed at 8.35pm