

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PARISH OFFICE ON TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2017 AT 7.30pm**

**PRESENT** Councillors Gary Grayston, Donna Griggs, Peter Rapley, Glennis Robinson, Mel Roper (Chair), Kevin Shaw, Liz Taylor

The Clerk Neil Lambert was also present and 1 member of the public

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Councillors Conrad Oatey, Marie Males and Lorna Clark

**17/AME/45 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**17/AME/46 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None

**17/AME/47 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE FUTURE OF SKATE PARK**

The Chair referred to the decision at Management Committee on 10<sup>th</sup> October to dismantle the "half pipe", in accordance with the recommendation of the independent Inspector, as outlined in the paper circulated. Dismantling by Grounds staff is being undertaken this week.

A number of councillors expressed sadness at the demise of the facility and questioned whether the other 2 items of equipment could be retained, especially if reinforced? Concerns about the costs of expenditure to-date on the wooden structure meant we were more likely to seek a concrete version in future, but possibly not on the same scale?

It was agreed that –

- Grounds staff should, if possible, repair the other 2 items using recycled wood salvaged from the half-pipe, to seek to sustain usage for longer than the few weeks currently anticipated
- Grounds staff inspect the structures daily
- Streetwise not be employed any longer, neither for repairs nor inspections
- Research is undertaken into concrete structures, such as Southfields Park in Loughborough and examples identified on the internet by the Chair, including potential contractors being invited to site and examining the existing base

**17/AME/48 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE PRIORITIES FOR COSTOCK ROAD LAND**

The Chair referred to a paper circulated by Councillor Conrad Oatey which detailed various aspects of actions in 2017/18 and potential future targets. The paper and proposals were welcomed and praised. The specific recommendation to seek permission from highways to install a gate was agreed

**17/AME/49 TO DISCUSS HOW TO RESTORE AND PREVENT FURTHER DAMAGE BY VEHICLES ON THE GREEN**

Photographs to illustrate the issue had been circulated. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Highways to seek their opinion on possible solutions

**17/AME/50 TO REVIEW PROGRESS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR ONGOING PROJECTS IN RELATION TO:**

**1. Parking**

Jeff Jones has met with Collins Hall Green on site on 12<sup>th</sup> October and further information is now required from us

**2. Meadow Park**

- Ann Weekley has produced a map showing annual rotation of margins to be cut
- Richard Jenks will implement 2017 cut ASAP in October, provisionally FOC
- Clerk met with Paul Phillips, Rushcliffe Borough Council, to learn about formalities of Agreements

**3. Rest Garden**

- Awaiting decision from British Gypsum re rock and path surfacing
- WI planting bulbs this week

**4. Litter Bins**

Initial examination of map does not correspond with invoice – Clerk to follow up Conrad to convene the Working Party to recommend which bins Rushcliffe Borough Council should replace.

**5. Closed Churchyard – nothing to report**

**6. Play Equipment**

**a) Skate Park**

Discussed at item 47 earlier on agenda – see above

**b) Picnic Benches**

Order to be negotiated

**c) Playground**

- Independent Inspection Report received and circulated
- Specific section sent to Proludic for comment but no significant response
- Alternative quote re surface received – mulch £2545, wet pour £2800.

## RECOMMENDATION

That the more durable wet pour is preferred and will be recommended for expenditure at full council, assuming Clerk can identify available budget

**Proposed Cllr Mel Roper  
Agreed Unanimously**

**Seconded Cllr Kevin Shaw**

### **7. Burial Ground**

Cllr Conrad Oatey has received a letter and application form from the Diocese for the Bishop to consecrate new ground

### **8. Community Boost Trim Trail**

List of grants to be considered by Clerk. Chair to arrange public consultation

### **9. Sheep Plank Lane – nothing to report**

### **10. Finger Posts – nothing to report**

### **11. Benches**

ABS to start installation this week at 5 prioritised locations

### **12. Christmas Lights**

- Electrician begun testing 3 trees along brook
- Trees ordered from Oldhams for collection 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017
- Volunteers to erect on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017 subject to agreement on risk mitigation
- Western Power requested info re usage

### **13. Ford on the Green**

Clerk to arrange installation of 2 bollards

### **14. Workshop – external landscaping**

Kenway doing hard landscaping for completion this week; soft landscaping to follow

### **15. Woodgate footpath**

It was agreed that ELPC will maintain the new gate once installed by Davidsons

### **16. Bulbs in village**

Grounds staff to plant – locations tbc

### **17. Oldershaw Trust field**

- Cllr Conrad Oatey and Clerk to visit neighbour 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017.
- Charity Return to be completed by Clerk by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018
- Hedge layering to be planned

### **18. Costock Road – recent purchase discussed earlier – item 48 above**

**17/AME/51 TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING – FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

- 1 Local History Society invitation to launch of new book, EL and the Great War, Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 7pm in the Library - Noted
- 2 Invitation from Cemex for a representative on the Quarry Site Liaison Committee – Cllr Glennis Robinson agreed to attend
- 3 Tree Charter details via Rushcliffe Borough Council (for 2018) - Noted
- 4 Details of frustrations caused by inconsiderate parking to local trader - Noted
- 5 Response from Rushcliffe Borough Council re new concreted area at front of Golden Star takeaway on Main Street – planning permission for drainage for run-off to the highway is required - Noted
- 6 Western Power – details of changes to photocells and time switches - Noted
- 7 Crime figures for August - Noted

**17/AME/52 QUESTIONS TO CHAIRMAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER SECTION 1U.**

None

The meeting closed at 8.43pm