

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PARISH OFFICE ON TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7.30pm**

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

The Clerk Neil Lambert was also present

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – None

**17/AME/37 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**17/AME/38 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None

**17/AME/39 TO REPORT MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2017 NOT ON THE AGENDA – FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

None

**17/AME/40 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE REQUEST FROM BRITISH GYPSUM FOR POSSIBLE LEGACY PROJECTS WITHIN THE VILLAGE**

The Clerk reported that British Gypsum representatives had made visits to the Rest Garden, and obtained a quote from one of their contractors to install a large rock of Gypsum and surface the path with "Golden amber" as requested. He has also forwarded the quotes for the path we had received for information and consideration is being given to make a donation by their Managing Director after 2<sup>nd</sup> October. As yet it is unclear whether they will pay for anything or not, but they do not appear to be following up our other suggestion for the Trim Trail.

**17/AME/41 TO DISCUSS INVITATION TO JOIN THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 'LAMP POST POPPY' CAMPAIGN**

A request from the Royal British Legion had been circulated along with comments from VIA. It was agreed that East Leake Parish Council spend £150 to purchase 50 large poppies to display on lamp posts along the route of the Remembrance Sunday parade between the Parish Office and War Memorial, on display from 26<sup>th</sup> October to 12<sup>th</sup> November approx., and further along Main Street to Castle Hill, and onto Gotham Road as far as Bryers, ideally facing traffic on both sides of road.

**Proposed Cllr Conrad Oatey    Seconded Cllr Marie Males  
Agreed Unanimously**

**17/AME/42 TO REVIEW PROGRESS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR ONGOING PROJECTS IN RELATION TO:**

1. **Parking** - East Leake Parish Council has placed an order with Collins Hall Green, via Jeff Jones, so that engineering drawings can be prepared to send out with Invitations to Tender for the Car Park extension on Gotham Road. Clerk asked to firm up deadline for completion of drawings
2. **Meadow Park** – The Chairman referred to the letter from Neil Hunter and approved the cutting of field margins by Richard Jenks in accordance with rotation plan in the Management Agreement with Rushcliffe Borough Council as the Parish Council tractor and flail cutter is not

robust enough for the ground conditions. It was agreed that the West side be cut this year. North next, then East and South over 4 years in total 2017-2020 inclusive, Clerk to ascertain whether any cost.

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

3. **Rest Garden Fence** - The Chair reported on a comment made to her about possibly removing the front fence to encourage people to use the garden. After discussion it was not agreed

A new surface for the path is planned and quotes received, but may be funded by British Gypsum, as discussed elsewhere on the agenda. The WI is ordering bulbs, and will liaise about planting in due course.

**Litter Bins** - Conrad to convene the Working Party to recommend which bins Streetwise should replace. A recent invoice for emptying bins is based on 23 litter bins and 23 dog bins emptied once, twice or three times per week costing £4.73 per bin per month. Clerk to compare numbers against map recently identified showing Rushcliffe Borough Council and East Leake Parish Council bins

5. **Closed Churchyard** - Stumps were removed by Tree Smart. Their good work was praised for back filling hole and removing waste.

## 6. **Play Equipment**

### a) **Skate Park**

The annual independent inspection is on 26<sup>th</sup> September and will be assisted by Streetwise dismantling some of the boards as necessary to gain access underneath and the actual structure to be examined, not just the surface. Clerk expecting useful reports including projections of future maintenance costs

### b) **Picnic Benches**

Following the meeting with Felicity in July, the following recommendation was made

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That 2 standard benches and 1 wheelchair accessible bench be ordered from Broxap, including carriage and assembly for about £2500. Trees for shade will also need planting.

**Proposed Cllr Conrad Oatey  
Agreed Unanimously**

**Seconded Cllr Kevin Shaw**

**c) Playground Surfacing** - Adam from Proludic has been back to explain his findings to the Clerk, and a detailed email received. He asserts that the rubber mulch is intact, and the indentations are due to the ground underneath being worn away and lack of drainage. He has offered a solution but would involve expenditure by East Leake Parish Council. A query was raised whether to use more rubber mulch rather than wet pour

Clerk recommended waiting until after independent inspection on 26<sup>th</sup> September AGREED

## 7. **Burial Ground -**

7.1 Cllr Conrad Oatey has written requesting a date from the Bishop to consecrate new ground

7.2 The Clerk reported that we have been offered £160 to install a tree in memory of a recently deceased resident, to be planted in the garden border next to the car park and a plaque on the lych gate

7.3 A bereaved local family have made a formal request for arrangements for a Greek Orthodox Burial. It was agreed that, although consistency and rules be applied:-

- An integrated photo approx 3” diameter be accepted in the headstone
- That the regulations for limiting size and design of headstone be adhered to, not “ornate”
- The desired location be accepted adjacent to path
- No new bench be installed as an existing bench is near enough for the relatives to use near grave.

8. **Community Boost Trim Trail** - Mel reconvened the Working Party in August and other funders are being sought, as DNRC optimism has waned. The Clerk had printed a current list of grants. Chair suggested public consultation via Newsletter and e.g. survey monkey to establish likely usage.
9. **Sheep Plank Lane** - It was reported that Virgin Media have installed a cable to a transmitter
10. **Finger Posts** - Deputy Clerk is chasing Persimmon
11. **Benches** – 3 Quotations have been received for the installation of the new benches around the village which had been previously circulated

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the lowest quote from local builders ABS be accepted.

**Proposed by Cllr Kevin Shaw  
Agreed Unanimously**

**Seconded Cllr Conrad Oatey**

Clerk to liaise with Chair Mel or Kevin to ensure correct priority locations installed

12. **Christmas Lights** - Conrad has had a look at the damaged junction boxes and as Cllr Gary Grayston is not available soon enough members to contact Clerk with any electrician’s details ASAP

Mel will identify potential new supplier of trees ASAP

13. **Ford on the Green** - Clerk to arrange installation of 2 bollards
14. **Workshop – external landscaping** - Kenway to start work soon, including temporary fence to stop vehicles
15. **Woodgate footpath** – Approval received from Nottinghamshire County Council. Landscape plan awaited
16. **Clerk to request staff to plant bulbs in village (instead of Conrad leading)**
17. **Work on Oldershaw** – December / January

**17/AME/43**      **TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING –  
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1. Copy of **letter** sent to Mr Gale from Via in partnership with Nottinghamshire County Council re Carriage conditions - noted

**17/AME/44**      **QUESTIONS TO CHAIRMAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER  
SECTION 1U.**

There were no questions

The meeting closed at 9.20pm