

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PARISH OFFICE ON TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7.30pm**

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

The Clerk Neil Lambert Councillor Ron Hetherington, , and one member of the public were also present.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllrs Mel Roper and Liz Taylor reasons given and approved

**17/AME/68**      **CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair reminded the meeting that the Great British Spring Clean will be held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March and that a rota of volunteers is being compiled to operate the Parish Office for collection and return of equipment by the public.

**17/AME/69**      **DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None

**17/AME/70**      **TO REPORT MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018 NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None

**17/AME/71**      **TO REVIEW PROGRESS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR ONGOING PROJECTS IN RELATION TO**

1.      **Gotham Road Car Park Extension** – Invitations to Tender have been sent out to at least 4 interested contractors to be returned by 12<sup>th</sup> March, with prices and start and finish dates
2.      **Meadow Park** - Footpath improvements are being considered in light of extension of Agreement offered by Rushcliffe Borough Council to East Leake Parish Council. A small working party including the Chair of Friends of Meadow Park will be convened to consider the future; Cllrs Conrad Oatey and Marie Males expressed an interest in being involved
3.      **Rest Garden** - The British Gypsum rock is now in place and path surfaced by their contractor. Plaque to be agreed and unveiled with publicity soon. Ideas from Cllr Carys Thomas had been circulated and other suggestions made for future developments. BT will be contacted about the ‘phone box to explore uses
4.      **Play Equipment**
  - a) **Skate Park** - Interest in providing new equipment received from several providers / installers. Working Party has been liaising, and the Clerk met with young skateboarders for their input. A bid is to be submitted to Rushcliffe Borough Council for match funding. Report provided to Management Committee
  - b) **Picnic benches** – The Groundsman have installed the new benches
  - c) **Playground** – Repairs done, mainly satisfactory
  - d) **CCTV** – Order placed for re-location by Rapid Vision
5.      **Community Boost Trim Trail, Meadow Park** – Application has been made to Nottinghamshire County Council Local Improvement Scheme for £10,000 contribution based

on £20,000 from reserves. Report provided to Management Committee. Public consultation to happen at Meet Your Village event in April

6. **Christmas Lights 2018 Planning** – Cllr Mel Roper and Clerk met to review 2017 in order to prepare proposals for 2018. Requested quote for investigating possible repairs to main tree lights. Clerk to draft policy on erection of small trees on shop fronts etc to clarify responsibilities. Cllr Marie Males requested consideration of lights near the Pinfold
7. **Ford on the Green** – ABS installed 2 bollards. Clerk to get quote for cleaning and repointing sets in ground
8. **Workshop/Parish Office** –
  - New Notice Board at front ordered from Malcolm Lane
  - The adjacent damaged bin needs reporting to RBC
  - Cllr Conrad Oatey has contacted Positive Futures about the soft landscaping over the Easter break
9. **Costock Road – New land** - Cllr Conrad Oatey has installed new access gate and Richard Jenks requested to clear brambles etc., roughly where Car Park to be built. Knotweed treatment is on-going.
10. **Flower Baskets & Towers** - It was agreed that displays in 2017 had not been as good as previously. Quote received from Plantscape, and Deputy Clerk pursuing other possible new contractors for 2018. We might need to specify colour preferences. Clerk to report back to a future meeting
11. **Repair to verge** - Order placed with Kenway – Clerk to liaise with residents in consultation with Councillor Donna Griggs
12. **Tree Planting** - Rushcliffe Borough Council have announced a new Grants Scheme and are inviting volunteers to act as Tree Wardens

**17/AME/72      TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE WILDLIFE TRUST ON LAND ON COSTOCK ROAD**

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.28pm to allow input from Cllr Ron Hetherington, who hosted the visit of the Wildlife Trust, and a member of the public who was present enquired about the number of Anglers expressing an interest.

The Chair re-opened the meeting at 8.33pm, and Cllr Conrad Oatey reminded everyone that the rear of the site, nearer the brook, was not likely to be developed for some time, so further consultations about potential use would be undertaken, especially once the undergrowth has been cleared in due course

**17/AME/73      TO RECEIVE, DISCUSS AND AGREE THE DRAFT POLICY ON MEMORIALS**

The Clerk was thanked for the discussion paper which was agreed as helpful to develop a range of costed alternative options and requested to bring a second draft back to a future meeting

**17/AME/74      TO DISCUSS AND AGREE 'DISCLAIMER SIGNS' FOR CAR PARK**

The Clerk was thanked for the discussion paper which was agreed as helpful to develop signs once advice has been received about personal injury liability. A mock up and costings will be brought back to a future meeting for approval

**17/AME/75      TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING –**

1. A letter from the Bowls Club was read out offering a donation of £3900 towards benches around the village. Cllr Shaw was thanked on behalf of the Bowls Club and a formal letter will be sent from the Parish accordingly
2. The Traffic order issued by VIA affecting Woodgate Road and Travells Hill from 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March was noted

**17/AME/76      QUESTIONS TO CHAIRMAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER  
SECTION 1U**

None

Meeting closed 855pm