

East Leake Parish Council

Minutes of the virtual Amenities Committee Meeting held online on
Tuesday 15th September at 730pm

In attendance

Cllrs Len Simmons, Chair; Mel Roper, Vice-chair; Sara Budzik, Lynn Forsyth, Chris Mulligan, Kevin Shaw, Lesley Way

Cllr Carys Thomas, The Clerk Neil Lambert, and Deputy Sue Lewis were also present online. There were no members of the public

20/Ame/20 Apologies for absence – Cllr Liz Taylor

**20/Ame/21 Election of Chair of Amenities Committee, and possible rotation
in future**

The Chair, Cllr Len Simmons regretted that he needed to step down due to family demands, although he would be as involved as possible in future.

As 2 councillors expressed an interest in standing, Cllr Mel Roper offered to stand down as vice-chair, thereby creating 2 vacancies.

Cllr Sara Budzik was proposed as Chair by Cllr Simmons and seconded by Cllr Roper, and Cllr Lynn Forsyth was proposed as Vice-chair, by Cllr Roper, seconded by Cllr Simmons, and both elected unopposed, there being no other nominations. Their terms of office will be until the next Annual Parish Council meeting due in May 2021, with potential rotation of vice-chair to become chair, subject to election

Cllr Simmons agreed to continue chairing this meeting

20/Ame/22 Declaration of interest in items on the agenda – none

20/Ame/23 Chairman's announcements – Litter pick 26/27 September

The Deputy Clerk requested further volunteers to be based at the Parish Office, and Cllrs Maggs and Forsyth agreed to share Sunday, with Cllr Shaw on Saturday pm, and Sue Saturday am

Additional litter picking tools being provided by Streetwise

20/Ame/24 **To Report any Matters Arising from Minutes of the meeting held July 2020 not on the agenda – for information only – none**

20/Ame/25 **To Consider request from Pinders Circus to book Recreation Ground in March 2021; and James Richard’s Circus October half-term**

Pinders are known to us, and were agreed in principle, subject to further consideration in January 2021, nearer the date

However, concerns about risks of Covid at present, and therefore what arrangements might be needed, led to refusal this October, proposed by Cllr Budzik, seconded by Cllr Simmons, and AGREED unanimously

20/Ame/26 **To Consider Bowls Club Fence concerns**

Cllr Kevin Shaw declared an interest, so would not vote if one was taken. However, he had received the report of the young people gaining access to the Bowls Club roof, albeit he doubted the route being via the shelter. It would be very expensive to move and it was instead suggested applying ant-climb paint and suitable warning sign – Clerk to arrange

20/Ame/27 **To Consider highlighted and any other items on Project tracker – *circulated***

ID6 Football Goals have been removed from Oldershaw Trust field due to tree planting, but strong views were expressed for and against installing in the Play Field in Meadow Park, near the Outdoor Gym. It was agreed to convene a Working Party consisting Cllrs Budzik, Mulligan, Forsyth and Simmons to consider location in the context of other proposals for use of the fields at our disposal, possibly also to involve a public survey

ID3 Play equipment on Flowers Estate using S106. A joint letter from ELPC and the Residents Association had been delivered to every house, over 150. Over 50 replies were received, of which 34 were against and only 16 in favour (2 no preference). The Clerk agreed to write a report on the survey findings in liaison with the Residents Association and Cllr Thomas.

Cllr Thomas had been in touch with officers at RBC to seek guidance about the next steps to gain their approval for installing equipment in the village, some near if not on the Flowers Estate. It was agreed that ELPC needs to have an integrated plan for play equipment in the village, probably including Oldershaw Trust land, as well as Gotham Road, in a “blended” approach. The Working Party above may contribute and the Tree Warden consulted.

ID1 As new seats installed item needs to be archived

ID17 Cllr Lesley Way had circulated various ideas for planting including the free trees from RBC as suggested by the Tree Warden

Additional item Additional tree for Christmas lights on Main Street

Cllr Simmons agreed to liaise with the new Chair to arrange the prioritisation session, which would hopefully create a joined-up Master Plan for the village amenities

20/Ame/28 To Report Correspondence Received since the last meeting – for information only

- NHS Community Garden Projects – noted
- RBC Community Tree Scheme – see above

20/Ame/29 Questions to Chairman (in accordance with Standing Order 1u) – none

Meeting closed 8.25pm