

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL,
HELD AT EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES ON TUESDAY 20TH JULY 2021 AT 7.30PM**

Present: Cllrs Sarah Budzik(Chair) Eleanor Robinson, Mel Roper, Kevin Shaw, Liz Taylor, Wendy Thompson

The Clerk, Sue Lewis and Cllr Carys Thomas were also present.

21/AME/15 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Lynn Forsyth and Chris Mulligan – reasons given and approved.

21/AME/16 **Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda**

None

21/AME/17 **Chair's Announcements**

None

21/AME/18 **To Report any Matters Arising from Minutes of the Meeting held 20th April not on the agenda – for information only:**

AME/04 Hedgehogs – A motion put forward to Rushcliffe Borough Council by Cllr Lesley Way to make awareness of the presence of hedgehogs has been passed.

20/AME/05 Water Fountain now installed and working, a sign has also been erected.

20/AME/09 Gotham Road Roundabout – Cllr Matt Barney has agreed to investigate the possibility of planting wildflower seeds.

20/AME/09 Gotham Road play area now completed.

20/AME/11 Gravel for Meadow Park – David Wilson have agreed to donate the gravel which was delivered last week.

Goal Posts – Agenda Item at August Meeting

Covid Grant (Memorial) - Open for applications

21/AME/19 **To Receive an Update on the Play Equipment for the Oldershaw Trust Land**

Work is progressing well and target date for finishing is Friday. There will be an opening ceremony on Wednesday 28th July at 9.30 to which all councillors are invited.

21/AME/20 **To Discuss Queens Platinum Jubilee**

To be deferred to next meeting in August.

21/AME/21 **To Discuss The Green Big Green Week**

Following a discussion, it was agreed to support the Green Big Green Week by arranging a litter pick over the weekend of 18/19th September with all the usual arrangements in place.

It was also suggested we contact Sophie Thorn to see if she would be interested in running a “Green Trail” for the school children.

21/AME/22 To Discuss Ideas for Welcome Back Fund Application (see attached)

The Chair referred to the paper previously circulated and reported that she had spoken to Catherine Evans at Rushcliffe on what we can do such as painting railings and planting, leaflets for a history trail but we cannot request permanent seating or signs.

Following a discussion, it was agreed to investigate the following:

Beautification of the Skatepark –further investigation and discussion needed and this will be an ongoing item on future agendas.

Welcome Back Fun Day with a band playing, random street artists, taster sessions of croquet and boules, it was also suggested that these activities could take place over a series of weekends/Friday evenings.

Outdoor Cinema – Clerk to investigate costs

Purchase of Gazebos to be used by the whole community.

Extra planting of flowers in the Village Centre

Once suggestions and costs have been agreed a meeting will be arranged with Catherine Evans to discuss them and to see if they are acceptable.

21/AME/23 Project Tracker –

- **Planting of flowers & Shrubs** – No update, Cllrs Liz Taylor, Sara Budzik, Lesley Way and Wendy Thompson to visit the Pinfold and report back with suggestions of sensory planting.
- **Gotham Road Play Area – Working Party Update** - Working Party have met and will produce a list of possible pieces of equipment.
- **Rest Garden** – it was agreed to change the name to ‘Friendship Garden’ and to seek funding under the Covid Grant for Memorials for a metal archway with “East Leake Friendship Garden’ to go at the entrance.
- **Friendship Bench** –

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the name of the Rest Garden be changed to Friendship Garden
2. It was agreed to apply for funding for a Friendship Bench. Cllr Liz Taylor to speak to Cllr Lesley Way who has already done some significant work on this and both to seek quotes.

**Proposed Cllr Sara Budzik
Agreed Unanimously**

Seconded Cllr Liz Taylor

21/AME/24 **To Discuss Trees Condition Report and agree remedial work**

The Chair referred to the report previously circulated, and it was agreed to seek quotations for the 'medium items' on the list and ask the Groundsmen to carryout work on the low-risk items.

21/AME/25 **To Discuss the possibility of displaying & Purchasing Pride Flags in June next year**

The Chair reported that she had requested this item as since working at a local college she has come across a lot of students with significant mental health issues relating to sexual and gender identity.

Following a discussion two councillors feared it could set a dangerous precedent and two councillors felt it would be a positive addition to the village community.

It was agreed to ask Personnel and Finance Committee to formulate a Flag Policy along with a Diversity and Equality Policy and bring it back to Full Council. It was also agreed to investigate the possible purchase of a flagpole.

21/AME/26 **To Discuss email from Cllr Matt Barney re Consultation on Bus Stop on Brookside and The Three Horseshoes and agree response (if any)**

The Chair referred members to the emails circulated previously about the above Consultation.

Following a discussion, it was agreed not to support this proposal as the Parish Council think it is unnecessary and the proposed site would cause safety issues to road users and not a justified investment.

**Proposed Cllr Kevin Shaw Seconded Cllr Liz Taylor
Agreed Unanimously**

21/AME/27 **To Report Correspondence received since the last meeting – for information only**

1. Copy of email from Cllr Matt Barney with response from NCC/Via regarding complaint from resident on West Leake Road – Noted
2. Email, Jeff Jones re: Proposed Car Park on Costock Road – Agenda item at Full Council.
3. Email, Rushcliffe Borough Council – Damaged Fence, Meadow Park – Streetwise to repair under the SLA with the Parish Council paying 25% of the cost – Noted
4. Email from resident congratulating the Parish Council on the brilliant new play surface on Gotham Road Play Area.

21/AME/28 **Questions to Chair (in accordance with Standing Order 1u)**

There were no questions

The meeting closed at 9.00pm