

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES ON TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021 AT 7.30PM**

**Present:** Cllrs Nick McGowan, Eleanor Robinson, Mel Roper, Kevin Shaw, Liz Taylor, Wendy Thompson, Lesley Way

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

**21/AME/53**                      **Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs Sara Budzik, Lynn Forsyth and Chris Mulligan, reasons given and approved.

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair nominations were requested by the Clerk for a councillor to Chair tonight's meeting.

Cllr Eleanor Robinson was proposed by Cllr Kevin Shaw, seconded by Cllr Liz Taylor and agreed unanimously.

**21/AME/54**                      **Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda**

None

**21/AME/55**                      **To Receive Presentations on designs for Skate Park**

The Chair welcomed Lee Williams of KNYTE Studio to the meeting who gave a presentation on his ideas for the painting of the skate park. Further ideas were given to him as follows:

- incorporating a photo opportunity into the design e.g., wings
- incorporate a spotting challenge for small children e.g., have a number of small ladybirds dotted around
- children be involved in the painting
- residents be involved in the design e.g., a consultation on colour palette
- that the 'Leake SK8' logo from the previous skatepark be incorporated

All these suggestions he was happy to accommodate. He also pointed out that the best time of the year to start this project would be March.

The Chair thanked Lee for his presentation, and he left the meeting.

A discussion followed and it was agreed to accept the design from KNYTE subject to the Clerk seeking confirmation from Catherine Evans, Rushcliffe Borough Council that we would still be able to claim the grant from the Welcome Back Fund due to the work not commencing until March next year.

**21/AME/56**                      **Chair's Announcements**

None

**21/AME/57**                      **To Report any Matters Arising from Minutes of the Meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> September not on the agenda – for information only**

None that are not already covered on tonight's Agenda.

## **21/AME/58**

### **Project tracker –**

**Planting of flowers and shrubs –** Cllr Liz Taylor reported that the wildflowers were beginning to shoot and that she has a meeting with the Clerk on Friday to finalise the grant applications for planting.

**Gotham Road Play Area – Working Party Update –** Cllr Nick McGowan reported that he had prepared a set of questions on what sort of play equipment residents would like to see and these will be circulated for approval.

**Welcome Back Fund –** The Clerk reported that both the 'Fun Weekends' went well and she will now be putting a claim in for the cost of the events plus the gazebos.

8.25pm The Chair closed the meeting to allow Cllr Carys Thomas to address members, she suggested that following the Nottinghamshire Croquet Association attending one the weekends she thought it would be a good idea that the parish council put an article on Facebook and the Website enquiring if anyone would like to set up a Croquet Group in the village and also an approach be made to the Bowls Club and Golf Club.

8.27pm The Chair re-opened the meeting.

**Friendship Garden –** The Clerk reported that she had met with a Farrier who is a local resident to discuss ideas for an arch and he will be coming back with a quote.

**Covid Memorial Fund –** Application in preparation to be submitted.

**Queen's Platinum Jubilee –** Nothing to report

## **21/AME/59**

### **To Discuss Supplier of Xmas Trees and the Electrics to the large trees**

The Clerk referred to both quotations received from local suppliers for Christmas trees, one of the suppliers had also quoted for the installation and taking down of the trees.

Following a discussion, it was agreed to accept the quotation from our usual supplier as there was no increased cost from last year and that Streetwise be asked to pick up and erect the 3 larger trees.

Cllr Mel Roper reported that there is a fault on the lights on the 3 trees on the Memorial Garden and a quotation has been received from a local electrician in the sum of £360 to investigate the fault.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the quotation be accepted, and the Clerk be given delegated authority to agree to further work necessary get this problem solved either by having the lights repaired or investing in spotlights for the trees.

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

**21/AME/60**

**To Report Correspondence received since the last meeting – for information only**

1. Letter from local resident informing the council that children had thrown bags of beans at her house, which she had reported to the Police – Noted.
2. Queens Platinum Jubilee – Information Sheet – Noted.
3. Copy of email from local resident of an accident which occurred near the Three Horseshoes and VIA's reply – noted.

**21/AME/61**

**Questions to Chair (in accordance with Standing Order 1u)**

There were no questions.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm