

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES ON TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7.30PM.**

**Present:** Cllrs Sara Budzik, Eleanor Robinson, Kevin Shaw, Liz Taylor, Wendy Thompson, Lesley Way

**Also present:** The Clerk, Sue Lewis.

**21/AME/82**                      **Apologies for Absence:**

Cllrs Lynn Forsyth & Mel Roper - reasons given and approved.

**21/AME/83**                      **Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda:**

Cllrs Sara Budzik – item 21/AME/84 Skatepark, and Liz Taylor item 21/AME/90 Rugby Club

**21/AME/84**                      **To Receive Update and Presentation on the Beautification of the Skate Park:**

The Chairman welcomed Lee to the meeting who gave an update on the Skatepark. He informed the meeting that he had been offered two different types of paint to use one was Graphenstone which is a sustainable paint which is natural and has been offered to us free of charge, but the only drawback is the choice of colours, and the maintenance is 5/10 years. The second choice of paint is Zinaawer which is an all-weather exterior paint with a maintenance lift of 15 years.

Following a discussion, the following was agreed:

**RESOLUTION**

That the Parish Council opt for the Graphenstone paint which fits in with our Climate Change Plans.

**Proposed Cllr Kevin Shaw   Seconded Cllr Lesley Way  
Agreed by 5 in favour with 1 abstention**

A start date was agreed as w/c 21<sup>st</sup> March and the Clerk will talk to the Groundsmen to check that the generator still works and requesting space for Lee to store paint etc in the Workshop.

**21/AME/85**                      **Chair's Announcements:**

None

**21/AME/86**                      **To Report any Matters Arising from Minutes of the Meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 not on the agenda – for information only:**

**Covid Memorial Fund – Metal Arch** – Clerk is in the process of obtaining 3 more quotes.

**21/AME/87****To Agree Arrangements for the Queens Platinum Jubilee and expenditure:**

Cllr Wendy Thompson referred to the report previously circulated by the Working Party and following a discussion it was agreed to go ahead with the plans set out in the report for the Jubilee which will include purchasing of a beacon at a cost of £588, and a piper. Details to be published on social media along with a request for volunteers.

**21/AME/88****To Discuss the Closing of the Public Toilets on a Saturday:**

Following a discussion, it was agreed that the toilets be kept open on a Saturday and Cllr Eleanor Robinson volunteered to closed them at 4pm until the end of March when a rota will be drawn up of all volunteers.

**21/AME/89****To Receive & Discuss the East Leake Recreation Ground Survey:**

The Chair referred to the survey results previously circulated in which 78 responses had been received with most responses indicating that they would prefer climbing equipment and accessible equipment for the disabled. The Chair to set up a date for the Working Party to meet to take this forward.

**21/AME/90****To Consider Request from East Leake Rugby Club to site a Shipping Container on Land at Costock Road:**

The Chair referred to the letter previously circulated from the Rugby Club, and it was agreed that the Parish Council have not objection to the container being on the field so long as ELPFC are happy. It was also recommended that they contact the RBC Planning for advice.

**21/AME/91****To Accept Quotation from Plantscape for this year's Hanging Baskets:****RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Parish Council accept the quotation in the sum of £5400 ex VAT from Plantscape for this year's hanging baskets

**Proposed Cllr Sara Budzik  
Agreed Unanimously**

**Seconded Cllr Kevin Shaw**

**21/AME/92****Project tracker**

**Planting of flowers & Shrubs:** Cllr Liz Taylor reported that she along with Cllr Lesley Way will be planning wildflower seeds in March and they will be also looking at improvements to the Pinfold. The owner of the house backing on to the Pinfold has been approached about putting bird boxes and on the side of his house and he has agreed to it. Cllr Liz Taylor agreed to purchase 2 boxes.

**Grant Applications:** Nothing to report

**21/AME/93**

**To Agree Dates for East Leake Market:**

The Clerk refer to the list of dates for future markets and following a discussion it was agreed to give the East Leake Markets permission to use the car parks and recreation ground. The Clerk also reported that she had pointed out to them that on the 8<sup>th</sup> April there will be Circus here which they were happy with.

**21/AME/94**

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

1. Letter from 2 Brownies re- litter picking – **Clerk to reply**
2. Email from Paul Philips regarding the sleeper across the brook not having any handrails – **Agenda item for next meeting**

**21/AME/95**

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

There were no questions.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm