

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES ON TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022 AT 7.30PM.**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: Lynn Forsyth (Chair), Eleanor Robinson, Liz Taylor, Wendy Thompson, Kevin Shaw, Mel Roper

**22/AME/031**                    **Apologies for Absence** Cllrs Nick McGowan & Stefano Forlani reasons given and approved.

**22/AME/032**                    **Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda**

None

**22/AME/033**                    **Chair's Announcements**

1. Articles are still required for the newsletter.

**22/AME/034**                    **To Report any Matters Arising from Minutes of the Meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022 not on the agenda – for information only**

22/AME/025 Footbridge – we have eventually found someone local who is willing to quote for putting rails on.

22/AME/026 Cllr Stefano Forlani's presentation will be on next month's agenda.

**22/AME/035**                    **To Discuss and Agree request from Friends of Meadow Park for a New Grass Cutting Plan**

Following a discussion on the grass cutting plan put forward by the Friends of Meadow Park the following was proposed.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Parish Council accept the new grass cutting plan on the understanding that a proper cutting schedule is prepared and sent to the farmer who has showed an interest in taking over the cutting and to the original farmer who already does. This will be reviewed every three years.

**Proposed Cllr Kevin Shaw   Seconded Cllr Lynn Forsyth  
Agreed Unanimously**

**22/AME/036**                    **To Agree Quotation from Plantscape for Hanging Baskets etc for 2023**

The Clerk reported that the quotation has gone up by 15% because Plantscape are now going down the bio-diversity route so are now doing peat free compost.

## RECOMMENDATION

That the quotation from Plantscape for hanging baskets and window boxes for next summer in the sum of £6982.26 be accepted by the Parish Council

**Proposed Cllr Liz Taylor    Seconded Cllr Lynn Forsyth  
Agreed Unanimously**

### **22/AME/037**

#### **To Consider request from East Leake Scouts for the use of the Gotham Road Playing Fields for May Day Celebrations.**

It was agreed to give the Scouts permission to use the Playing Fields for the May Day Celebrations on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023

### **22/AME/038**

#### **Project tracker –**

**Planting of flowers & Shrubs** – New planters for the Friendship Garden will be installed over the winter months when the new friendship seating arrives.

We have had no luck in obtaining quotations for the archway but will continue chasing.

Following the uprooting of the 'Memory Tree' in the Friendship Garden it was agreed to purchase a 6ft tree with roots.

The Groundsmen have planted bulbs around various sites in the village.

**Pinfold** – The noticeboard has been painted ready for a new information sheet to be inserted. Benches will be painted, and the Memorial Board removed and re-sited in the Friendship Garden

**Gotham Road Play Working Party** - Nothing to report.

**Christmas Trees** – The Clerk reported that all the new lights for the big trees had been purchased and the electrician will be installing them towards the end of the month. New brackets have also been purchased for the shops to replace the ones that are faulty. Trees will be ordered next week and Streetwise have been asked to quote for the installation of the three large trees.

### **22/AME/039**

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

1. Information Sheet on setting up Warm Spaces in the Community – Agenda for next Amenities meeting

### **22/AME/040**

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

There were no questions.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.