

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES ON TUESDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7.30PM.

Present: Cllrs Jason Billin, Eleanor Robinson, Mel Roper, Kevin Shaw, and Liz Taylor

Also present: Cllr Donna Griggs, attending as Clerk for the Meeting, and one member of the public.

In the absence of both the Chair and Vice Chair of the committee, Cllr Kevin Shaw was elected as chairman of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Billin, seconded by Cllr Roper, unanimously agreed.

22/AME/41 **Apologies for Absence:**

Cllrs Stefano Forlani, Lynn Forsyth, Nick McGowan, and Wendy Thompson - reasons given and approved.

22/AME/42 **Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda:**

None

22/AME/43 **Chair's Announcements:**

The Chair thanked those councillors who had attended to support the Remembrance Parade on 13th November 2022.

22/AME/44 **To Report any Matters Arising from Minutes of the Meeting held 18th November 2022 not on the agenda – for information only:**

None

22/AME/45 **To Receive a Presentation from Cllr Stefano Forlani:**

In the absence of Cllr Forlani, this item was deferred to a future meeting.

22/AME/46 **To Discuss Support Measures for the Community During the Winter, Including Warm Hubs and Community Fridges:**

The meeting was closed at 7.45 pm to allow Rev.Tim Parker to speak about the Warm Spaces initiative and the challenges of alleviating poverty. The meeting was re-opened at 8.15 pm. It was resolved that Rev.Tim would do some further research into options for support and would feedback to councillors before they make a decision on support measures for the East Leake community. It was acknowledged that whilst some immediate response would be needed, there would be a need for a longer-term approach also.

22/AME/47 **To Discuss and Agree Carrying out a Tree Inspection and Accepting a Quote:**

Councillors resolved to accept the quote from AT2 for the tree survey.

Agreed unanimously.

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Project tracker –

Planting of Flowers & Shrubs – Following a meeting with the Clerk, Cllr Liz Taylor and one of the ground staff, it was agreed that the memorial board be moved to the back of the Friendship Garden. It was noted that the two new, single seats had arrived.

Pinfold – It was reported that the British Gypsum would do the notice, but an old photograph of the Pinfold was still required.

Gotham Road Play Area Working Party – Councillors considered whether it would be more cost effective to remove the climbing frame. They were unable to reach a decision due to lack of available information. Councillors resolved to ask the Clerk to provide details of the cost to remove the climbing frame compared to the cost of installing a new surface under the climbing frame, and a copy of the last play inspection report, so an informed decision could be made.

Christmas Trees – It was reported that the British Gypsum had agreed to pay for the new lights, totalling £3800.

Footbridge, Gotham Road Recreation Field – Councillors received information from the engineer recommending that the footbridge be removed completely. They resolved to ask the Clerk to find out the reason why the engineer was making this recommendation and to check with the Council's insurance company on whether the bridge would be covered if used in its existing state.

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

1. Email from Matt Wood from British Gypsum confirming that they will cover the £3800 costs for the new Christmas lights – **noted, Clerk to write letter of thanks.**
2. Letter from Hymans's Amusements requesting permission to operate their vintage fairground in Meadow Park next year – **to be added to Full Council agenda for consideration.**
3. Notification from VIA confirming temporary road closure for East Leake Christmas Lights Switch On – **noted.**

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

There were no questions.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.