

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES ON TUESDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2023 AT 7.30PM.

Present: Cllrs Lynn Forsyth (Chair), Stefano Forlani, Chris Jennison, Eleanor Robinson, Mel Roper, Liz Taylor, Will Birch, Mike Sharpe

Also present: The Clerk, Sue Lewis, Cllrs Donna Griggs, Chris Garbett, Jason Billing, Carys Thomas and approximately 20 members of the public

23/AME/043 **Apologies for Absence** Cllr David Davis

23/AME/044 **Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda**

Cllrs Mel Roper, Liz Taylor and Wendy Thompson declared an interest in item 23/AME/047 request for permission to use Parish Council land for firework display.

23/AME/045 **Chair's Announcements**

None

23/AME/046 **To Report any Matters Arising from Minutes of the Meeting held 19th September 2023 not on the agenda – for information only**

23/AME/038 Speeding. The Clerk reported that the Speed Awareness Training had taken place yesterday and the volunteers hope to be out in the near future.

23/AME/047 **To Discuss Request from East Leake Bantams to use the Parish Council Playing Field on Costock Road for the setting off of Fireworks**

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.32pm to allow members of the public to address members of the committee.

Representative from the Bantams reported that as a compromise they have now gone for low noise fireworks and have followed all the correct procedures with risk assessments etc. The representative for the horse community stated that even the low noise fireworks would still scare the horses and concern was made about the stud horses next to the playing fields.

The Chair re-opened the meeting at 8.00pm to allow members to discuss the request. The Chair closed the meeting at 8.12pm to allow two members to address the meeting. The Chair reopened the meeting at 8.15pm

Following a discussion, the following resolution was tabled.

RESOLUTION

That the Parish Council give permission for Bantams to use the field so long as we have assurances that all risk assessments, event management plan and permissions from governing bodies are in place and that they use the low noise fireworks and if there is any damage to the field there is no financial risk to the Parish Council

Proposed Cllr Mike Sharpe Seconded Cllr Mel Roper
Agreed by 5 in favour with 2 abstentions and 1 against

23/AME/048

To Discuss Christmas Decorations

The Clerk reported that we have had the go ahead for funding for the remote switches on the Christmas trees and the Traders have agreed to pay for the shortfall of £820.00.

All the lights and brackets have been checked,

Christmas lights switch-on is 25th November and volunteers will be required to help on the day.

23/AME/049

To Agree New Piece of Equipment for Gotham Road Play Area

It was agreed to purchase the swing with the S106 money, and the Clerk confirmed that the Commitment to Spend form 1 had been sent into RBC.

23/AME/050

To Discuss & Agree Future Projects for the next 3 years.

The Chair requested that final ideas and figures be submitted for the next Amenities meeting.

23/AME/051

Project tracker –

Street Art Project – Cllr Liz Taylor reported that she and the Clerk had met with Buber Nebz the street artist from Loughborough to discuss ideas and locations for street art. One location suggested was the wall and railings on Stonebridge and on the toilets. We are still waiting to hear back from him.

The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with VIA for permission to put flower troughs and street art on the bridge and they require dimensions etc. Buber has also done some art in Whitick of a Remembrance Scene and the Clerk contacted the Parish Council and was told that it cost £2920.

Speeding – The Chair referred to the email previously circulated and it was agreed following the information in the email, not to take this forward.

23/AME/052

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

1. Email from Bullfinch supplier of the Queens Jubilee Beacon informing that the Beacon can be altered for the D-Day Celebrations – Noted

The meeting closed at 9.00pm