

**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> OCTOBER 2024 AT 7.30PM**

**Present:** Cllrs: Mel Roper, Will Birch, Liz Taylor, Mike Sharpe, Eleanor Robinson, David Davis (Chair), Wendy Thompson & Martha Longdon

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

**24/AME/039**                    **Apologies for Absence** Cllrs Lynn Forsyth & Chris Jennison reasons given and approved.

**24/AME/040**                    **Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda**

None

**24/AME/041**                    **Chair's Announcements**

None

**24/AME/042**                    **To report any Matters Arising from Minutes of the Meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 not on the agenda – for information only**

24/AME/036 – The repair will be carried out this week

**24/AME/043**                    **To Discuss & Consider the Tree Report and Action**

The Clerk referred to the tree survey previously circulated and following a discussion it was agreed that the Groundsmen carry out the work on the trees marked with a GM on the survey and three quotes be sought for the work on the trees marked TS from tree surgeons.

**24/AME/044**                    **To Discuss Request from two local boys to extend Skate Park**

The Clerk referred to the two messages previously circulated by two skate park users and following a discussion it was agreed that their request be investigated with the Clerk contacting the original contractors to see if this is feasible and if so, this can be considered for a future project.

**24/AME/045**                    **To Discuss Future Projects for consideration in preparing the budget**

The following was suggested to be included in next year's budget and where possible the Clerk to see estimates

Refurbishment of the Public Toilets

CCTV

Extra footpath on Meadow Park from Nixon Walk to the playfield

Path in the Friendship Garden

Path in the Burial Ground to the next internment plot.

**24/AME/046**                    **Update on On-Going Projects**

**Gateways** – The Clerk reported that she was still waiting to hear from VIA for permission to place the Gateway in the new position suggested.

**Artwork** – No further update

**Play Area – Disabled Roundabout** – No further update

**New Picnic Area** – Completed and all agreed it looked good.

**Trees on Glebe – To agree additional expenditure** – Cllr Wendy Thompson reported that further to the previous quote that was approved the tree surgeon has come up with a better option that would cost a further £300, she has spoken to the resident and he is willing to pay the extra £300.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Parish Council accept the quote for £800 with the resident paying the extra £300 but this must be in writing before being approved.

**Proposed Cllr Wendy Thompson    Seconded Cllr Mel Roper  
Agreed Unanimously**

**Book Library** – The Clerk raised concerns that with the wet weather that the books may get damp. It was agreed that this be checked regularly and if needs be a rubber strip to be put around the door.

**Christmas Lights** – The Clerk reported that all the big trees with lights on had been checked and there was a problem with three of them. Cllr Mel Roper has contacted the electrician who will look at them. The three large trees and approx. 32 smaller trees have been ordered.

**24/AME/047**

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

None

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.