

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES ON TUESDAY 21st JANUARY 2025 AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllrs: David Davis (Chair), Mel Roper, Will Birch, Marcha Longdon, Mike Sharpe, Chris Jennison, & Liz Taylor

Also present: The Clerk, Sue Lewis & Cllr Greg Blakeman

24/AME/057 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs Wendy Thompson, Eleanor Robinson & Lynn Forsyth - reasons given and agreed.

24/AME/058 **Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda**

None

24/AME/059 **Chair's Announcements**

None

24/AME/060 **To report any Matters Arising from Minutes of the Meeting held 19th November 2024 not on the agenda – for information only**

None other than items covered on tonight's agenda.

24/AME/061 **To Discuss & Consider Work on the Burial Ground and agree quotation for cutting of Laurel Hedge**

The Clerk referred to the quotation received for cutting of the laurel hedge and it was agreed that the hedge be cut right back and then annually maintained.

The Clerk also reported that the Groundsmen had suggested having a hard standing area at the side of the toilet block for storage during the winter as the grass is getting churned up. Following a discussion, it was agreed that this was not a good idea, as it would look an eyesore as the Burial Ground needs to be always kept neat and tidy.

24/AME/062 **To Discuss & Agree Next Steps for Extending Skatepark (if info received in time)**

Due to lack of information, it was agreed to defer this item to a future agenda.

24/AME/063 **To Consider request from member of the public to site an Arbour on Oldershaw Trust Land**

The Clerk referred to email previously circulated from a resident who wishes to donate an "Arbour" for the Burial Ground in memory of her mother and father. As the Council had previously agreed a policy on memorial benches at the burial ground it was suggested that the Arbour be placed on the Oldershaw Trust Land to which the resident was agreeable to.

RECOMMENDATION

That the donation of the Arbour be accepted and be placed on the Oldershaw Trust Land near to the book Library.

Proposed Cllr Liz Taylor Seconded Cllr Mel Roper
Agreed Unanimously

24/AME/064 To Consider Grass Matting for the entrance to the Recreation Ground

Following the funfair being on the recreation ground in October the entrance from the car park is very rutted and muddy, Pearsons have agreed to help towards the repair of the ground and it was suggested that grass matting be purchased and laid. The Clerk has been in contact with Greyhound Leisure who laid the safety matting to the children's play area to ask for their advice and they have come back with two options either a 40mm honeycomb grid which will take the weight of small to medium vehicles or a more heavy-duty option. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk request a quotation for the heavy-duty option.

24/AME/065 Update on On-Going Projects

Gateways – Still waiting for permission off VIA/Highways to have the gateway installed on Woodgate Road.

Artwork – Cllr Liz Taylor reported that she had sent the artist several drawings of the basket making in East Leake hoping he would be able to come up with a design for the Workshop doors.

Play Area – Inclusive Roundabout – This was due to be installed just before Christmas but as the weather was so bad it was agreed that as soon as the weather improves it will be installed.

Shed for storing flooding Equipment – Action - Several options of sheds had been previously circulated along with 2 quotes for a concrete base and erection of shed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Parish Council purchase a galvanised steel storage shed at a cost of £608.53 and accept the quotation for concrete base in the sum of £1250. The contractor has requested a 50% deposit upfront.

Proposed Cllr Liz Taylor Seconded Cllr Mel Roper
Agreed Unanimously

24/AME/066 To Report Correspondence received since the last meeting – for information only

1. Email from Josh Wells detailing plans for a Community Flood Signage Training – Cllrs Jason Billin, Chris Jennison & Greg Blakeman to attend.

The meeting closed at 7.53pm