

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES ON TUESDAY 20th JANUARY 2026 AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllrs: David Davis (Chair), Eleanor Robinson, Chris Jennison, Mel Roper, & Liz Taylor

Also present: The Clerk, Sue Lewis & Cllr Jason Billin

25/AME/058 **Apologies for Absence** Cllrs Will Birch, Wendy Thompson & Mike Sharpe reasons give and approved

25/AME/059 **Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda**

None

25/AME/060 **Chair's Announcements**

None

25/AME/061 **To report any Matters Arising from Minutes of the Meeting held 18th November 2025**

25/AME/054 Notice Boards – The refurbishment of the boards will be carried out in early spring.

25/AME/062 **To discuss the Christmas Decorations and to agree moving the tree in the Church yard and any other actions**

The Clerk reported that the holders of all three large Christmas trees are deteriorating and require replacement. It was agreed that the Village Hall and Village Centre Christmas tree holders will be replaced.

Churchyard Tree – Following a discussion on resiting the tree in the churchyard, it was agreed to defer the decision until councillors have visited and viewed the preferred site. Cllr Mel Roper will also review other trees in the churchyard that may be suitable for lighting.

25/AME/063 **To discuss the request received from resident for a Memorial Bench in the village in Memory of a local resident**

Following discussion, it was agreed that the most suitable location for the bench would be Stonebridge Field, Meadow Park. The Clerk will contact FMP to confirm approval.

25/AME/064 **Update on On-Going Projects**

Gateways – Cllr Liz Taylor to contact NCC

Artwork – A provisional date for stating the work is 28th January, weather permitting.

Costock Road Dirt Track - The Clerk advised that she had been trying to contact the Knotweed Company, which treated the knotweed on Costock Road, but received no reply and emails were returned. It appears the company has closed. Another company has provided a quote to survey the land, and it was agreed to place this on the full council agenda for approval."

Tourism – Walks Map: It was agreed that significant further work is required on the map. Cllrs Mel Roper and Jason Billin will review this.

Public Toilets Refurbishment - Work has commenced on the refurbishment, although progress has been slower than anticipated due to illness. Cllr Greg Blakeman, the Groundsman, and the Clerk will be holding a site meeting tomorrow to review progress.

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

1. Friends of Meadow Park – Request for path repairs – Agenda item for next meeting.
2. Friends of Meadow Park – Request for help removing 20 ton of gravel – Agenda item for next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.14pm.