

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES ON TUESDAY 16TH JUNE 2026 AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllrs: David Davis (Chair), Eleanor Robinson, Susan Davis, Mike Sharpe, Will Birch, Mel Roper, Chris Jennison, Sandra Johnson & Liz Taylor

Also present: The Clerk, Sue Lewis

26/AME/001 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Wendy Thompson & Chris Jennison - reasons given and accepted.

26/AME/002 Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda

None

26/AME/003 Chair's Announcements

1. The Health Centre Car Park has been temporarily closed due to a dangerous tree within the Fire Station compound that poses a risk of falling onto the car park.
2. Transport Hub – The only information received to date is that the funding is intended for transport infrastructure improvements, including upgrades to bus shelters.

26/AME/004 To report any Matters Arising from Minutes of the Meeting held 21st April 2026

The teen shelter has been ordered and is expected to be installed within the next few weeks.

26/AME/005 To Discuss and Consider Quote for Felling of Willow Tree on Brookside

Following discussion and based on advice from the Tree Officer at Rushcliffe Borough Council, it was agreed that the willow tree should be felled and replaced with a new tree in a more suitable location. Cllr Wendy Thompson will meet with the Clerk to agree the replacement tree's location and size.

RECOMMENDATION

That the quotation of **£795** from **Charnwood Tree Services** to fell the willow tree be accepted.

Proposed: Cllr Liz Taylor **Seconded:** Cllr Mike Sharpe
Agreed Unanimously

26/AME/006 To Discuss the Possibility of Retaining the ST Compound for Extension of the Car Park on Gotham Road

The Clerk reported that she and Cllr Chris Jennison had met with representatives from Forkers and Kenway to discuss converting the ST compound into an extension of the Gotham Road car park. Kenway are currently preparing a quotation.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Parish Council, subject to the necessary advice and approvals, agrees to retain the compound as an extension to the car park

Proposed: Cllr Mel Roper **Seconded:** Cllr Sandra Johnson
Agreed Unanimously

26/AME/007 To Discuss Graffiti on the Skatepark and its Removal

The Clerk reported that a quotation is awaited from Streetwise for the removal of the graffiti.

Cllr Mel Roper suggested that the entire skatepark surface could instead be professionally covered with artistic graffiti. The Clerk will consult the Playground Safety Inspection Company to determine whether this would comply with safety requirements and report back at the next meeting.

26/AME/008 To Consider Request from WHM Work Connections Looking for Opportunities to Give Back to the Community

The Committee welcomed the initiative and agreed to support the volunteers in undertaking community projects.

Suggested tasks included:

- Weeding the Friendship Garden.
- Repairing or painting the fence along the Oldershaw Trust land.
- General maintenance of the Pinfold.

26/AME/009 To Consider the Removal of Wooden Balustrades in the Children's Playground

The Clerk reported that several of the wooden balustrades had been vandalised and removed, while the remaining sections were beginning to rot.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Parish Council approves the removal of all remaining wooden balustrades and that the area be infilled with wet-pour safety surfacing. The Clerk is authorised to proceed with the work provided the quotation is below **£1,000**.

Proposed: Cllr David Davis **Seconded:** Cllr Will Birch
Agreed Unanimously

26/AME/010 Update on On-going Projects

Gateways – Cllr Chris Jennison will follow up with Nottinghamshire County Council/VIA to arrange for all village entrances to be measured to determine whether the gateway feature already purchased can be installed at an alternative location.

Artwork – Cllr Liz Taylor will check whether the anti-vandal coating has been applied.

Costock Road Dirt Track – No response has yet been received from Rushcliffe Borough Council regarding whether planning permission is required. The Clerk will chase this as the aim is to commence the project before the school summer holidays.

Public Toilets Refurbishment – The refurbishment is progressing well. Plastering is taking place this week, with tiling scheduled for next week.

Tourism – The History Group's tourism leaflets were considered. Members agreed that the leaflets were informative and approved their use.

26/AME/011 To Report Correspondence received since the last meeting – for information only

1. Josh Wells – Community Flood Wardens – notification that the flood wardens training has expired – Noted and circulated to all flood wardens.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

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