

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

Present: Cllrs: David Davis (Chair), Mel Roper Will Birch, Wendy Thompson, Mike Sharpe, Susan Davis & Chris Jennison

Also present: The Clerk, Sue Lewis

26/AME/043 Apologies for Absence Cllrs Eleanor Robinson, Sandra Johnson & Liz Taylor reasons given and approved.

26/AME/044 Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda

None

26/AME/045 Chair's Announcements

None

26/AME/046 To report any Matters Arising from Minutes of the Meeting held 15^h September 2026

None as all are covered on tonight's agenda.

26/AME/047 To Consider the three quotes for tree works

The Clerk reported that three quotes had been requested and they are as follows

Quote 1- £1120.00 (exc VAT)

Quote 2 - £1270.00 (exc VAT)

Quote 3 - £2838.00 (exc VAT)

All quotes have been based on the same specification allowing for a like-for-like comparison.

RECOMMENDATION

That quotation 2 be accepted in the sum of £1270.00. The contractor is Bartletts who have done tree work for us in the past.

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

26/AME/048 To Discuss and Consider email from resident regarding tree on the Glebe

The Clerk reported that this was the second acacia tree on the Glebe about which the resident had raised concerns. The Clerk advised that, as the tree had not been identified as a concern in the Tree Survey Report, the Parish Council would not be taking any action at this time. However, should the resident remain dissatisfied, he was advised to contact Tom Pettit at Rushcliffe Borough Council for further advice, which he did and Tom Pettit has suggested that the resident could arrange for the tree to be removed at his own expense, with a contribution towards the planting of a replacement tree elsewhere on the Glebe.

RECOMMENDATION

It was agreed to follow the advice of Tom Pettit and permit the resident to have the tree removed at his own expense. The Parish Council would obtain a quotation and appoint a suitably qualified tree surgeon, with the full cost of the works to be met by the resident. The resident will also be advised to contact Tom Pettit again as he will need to fill in a form to have the tree taken down as it is in a Conservation Area

Proposed Cllr Will Birch Seconded Cllr Wendy Thompson
Agreed Unanimously

26/AME/049 To Consider Quotation for Hanging Baskets for 2027

The Clerk reported that there was an increase of 3.20% on last year's price.

RECOMMENDATION

That the quotation in the sum of £6963.25 exc VAT be accepted for the hanging baskets for 2027

Proposed Cllr Mel Roper Seconded Cllr Mike Sharpe
Agreed Unanimously

26/AME/050 To Agree Proposed Changes to Management of St Mary's Churchyard

The Chair referred to the report previously circulated with regard the proposed changes to the churchyard which includes promoting a more wildlife friendly environment, along with supporting the Echochurch initiative which may help towards achieving the silver award

RECOMMENDATION

That the Parish Council supports the Churchyard Volunteers in the proposed changes to the management of the St Mary's Churchyard

Proposed Cllr Mel Roper Seconded Cllr Susan Davis
Agreed Unanimously

26/AME/051 Update on On-Going Projects

- **Gateways** – Nothing further to report other than it is on the list for this year's budget for the signs to be removed
- **Artwork** – The anti-vandal coating to the Works Depot doors is still to be done
- **Costock Road Dirt Track** - Cllr Chris Jennison reported that the contractor had cleared the area and that, from this week, the earth would be moved to create mounds. The contractor will also flail the ditch along Sheeplank Lane to help prevent flooding.

It was suggested that the Japanese knotweed areas be fenced off. The Clerk will ask the Groundsman to measure the area and will then contact Severn Trent to establish whether they have any surplus fencing available to donate.

- **Christmas Trees** – A new housing has been installed in the Churchyard for the large Christmas tree. The Clerk will ask the Groundsmen to check all the large Christmas trees to ensure that the lights are working correctly. An electrician will also inspect the lights on the tree in the Friendship Garden.
- **Update on To Do List** – ST are still following up on the cutting of the trees on the Health Centre Car Park, along with the edging stones on the driveway at the Burial Ground. David Wilson has replied to the letter about a finger post at the top of Kirk Ley and are looking into it. It was agreed to add the bollard at the Three Horseshoes which has been bashed.
- **Budget** - It was agreed to add street furniture to the budget list along with monkey bars for the playarea. The noticeboard at the bottom of Castle has been taken off the list as ST have agreed to replace it. Councillors were asked to advise the Clerk of any further items they wish to be considered before the budget meeting on 13 November, together with an estimated cost for the proposed works.

26/AME/052 To Report Correspondence received since the last meeting – for information only

1. TP Knotweed Solutions – Report on Site Visit – Noted

The meeting closed at 8.17pm