

MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Tuesday July 22nd 2019 6:30pm

Parish Office, Old School Building, Main Street, Burton Joyce

Present: Cllrs N Orders (Chair) P Hyde (Vice-Chair) R Fife and E Jones.
Cllrs Y Greenfield and T Hazard.

In attendance: J Sherrin (Clerk) D List (Grounds & Amenities Manager)
and J Wakeling, Secretary of the Garden Holders' Association (GHA)

MINUTES

AM19/106 Apologies for Absence – Cllr S Cook (Holiday)

AM19/107 Declarations of Councillors' interest for items on the agenda – Cllrs Orders and Fife rent allotments

AM19/108 Minutes of meeting held on May 23rd 2019 – Unanimously approved as a true records and signed by the Chair.

AM19/109 Matters arising from previous minutes not covered in the agenda - None

AM19/110 Roberts Recreation Ground

- (i) Email from L Smith as representative of newly formed "Friends of Roberts Recreation Ground" gratefully received and noted. Group to meet in park to discuss views on the needs of the park and fund raising possibilities and feed back to the Committee.
- (ii) Request to install memorial bench considered and approved unanimously.
- (iii) Maintenance works reviewed. Titan swing now repaired and working again. Second trampoline on order from Germany. Decisions on further work such as installation of slide on the grass hill on hold until feedback received from Friends of RR Group. Noted the 3 Villages Gala has offered a donation of £1,000 for the repair works to the grass hill / tunnel area of the park.

AM19/111 Allotments

- (i) GHA update. Noted Cllrs N Orders and P Hyde met with the Chair and Secretary of the GHA to review operational issues. D List to mow annual weeds and mark headlands with posts up to plot 38. J Wakeling noted there is a hedgehog awareness meeting in September for the GHA. Noticeboard has been put back up. GHA writing to members with reminder to use pathways and not cut through allotment plots.
Cllr T Hazard arrived at this point – 7pm
Pricing of rental of two half plots reviewed. Resolved that two half allotment plots would be charged as one whole plot *providing the plots are adjacent to each other* (Half plots that are not adjacent would continue to be charged as half plots).
- (ii) Use of herbicides and pesticides. No spraying has been carried out this year and none is planned. Noted that D List holds PA1 and PA2 Safe Use of Pesticides Certificates. Any sprays used are contact, non-residual ones. Hood would be used over sprayer to ensure no drift.

- (iii) Allotment inspection update. All allotments were inspected on 3rd July. Six were identified as needing strong letters and 6 mild. Re-inspection will take place at the end of August.

AM19/112

Cemetery

- (i) Revised cemetery regulations unanimously approved. Noted D List, N Orders and J Sherrin working on updating the record-keeping.
(ii) Request for removal of Japanese Knotweed – work already carried out.

AM19/113

The Grove

Correspondence regarding litter. D List will contact group responsible and advise if the issue is repeated next year a charge will be made for clearing up.

AM19/114

Letter regarding concern over rail crossings. J Sherrin to contact NCC Rights of Way officer, Vernon Coaker MP, Cllr Nicki Brooks NCC, GBC Councillors M Adams and S Smith, U3A, Village Society, GHA, Lord Nelson and Ramblers Association to organise meeting with Network Rail. N Orders to contact Severn Trent. Issue to be moved to Community Engagement Committee in September.

AM19/115

Maintenance & Items of Capital Expenditure

Awaiting quotes for Cemetery path.

AM19/116

Information update

No further updates.

AM19/117

Date of next meeting – September 10th 2019 (note change from 23rd September)

Meeting closed 7:30pm

Signed: _____
Chair of Amenities Committee

Date: _____