

MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Tuesday December 17th 2019 6:30pm

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

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs N Orders (Chair) P Hyde (Vice Chair) R Fife and R Ringham

In attendance: J Sherrin (Clerk) David List (Grounds and Amenities Manager) J Wakeling (representing Allotment Holders' Association) Laura Smith and Ben (Representing Friends of Roberts' Recreation Ground)

AM19/141 **Apologies for Absence** – Sarah Cook (Work).

AM19/142 **Declarations of Councillors' interest for items on the agenda** - Cllrs N Orders and R Fife have allotments.

AM19/143 **Minutes of meeting held on October 28th 2019** – approved as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.

AM19/144 **Matters arising from previous minutes not covered in the agenda** – Noted Severn Trent Water had refused permission to shoot rabbits on the allotments.

AM19/145 **Allotments**

- (i) Garden Holders' Association update – A small profit has been made from seed sales which is being spent on insurance. Noted shooting rabbits not permitted, could use ferrets instead. Headland widths and hazel hedge / leylandii issues were raised as concerns. Agreed that a maintenance visit will take place in Feb / March to assess any outstanding general maintenance issues. Discussion regarding notice period for specific allotment holder. J Savage to contact to advise re-inspection will take place Mid-March and if no improvement, tenancy will be terminated.
- (ii) Waiting list update – 4 half-plots are currently available. These have been offered to those on the waiting list (3 residents, 5 non-residents are currently on waiting list).

AM19/146 **Roberts Recreation Ground**

- (i) Friends of Roberts' Recreation Ground update. A number of donations have been made from local businesses, totalling £1,200 to date, with further sales-based donations promised. Friends Group are co-ordinating all. BJPC bank details to be provided and separate section in accounts to be created for them. Fund-raising Disco to take place on 29th December and Race Night on 8th February. Work on the tunnel mound priority – D List to Liaise with L Smith for quotes. Noted 3 quotes will be required. £10k will be needed as a total

contribution if £100k bid is to be applied for. There are numerous grants that can be applied for directly by the Friends of Group. Any site visits organised must be via D List, with him attending.

- (ii) Equipment and maintenance update – still awaiting chain for Titan Swing. J Sherrin to chase.
- (iii) Request for semi-permanent banner from Lord Nelson Pub. Congratulations to be extended for their achievement, but agreed unanimously to decline request as banner policy states banners are for community use only. Request would be unfair to other local business.

AM19/147 Cemetery - 3rd quotation for tarmac not yet received. Approved unanimously that, in the interest of safety to cemetery users, D List may go ahead with the best value quote once received.

AM19/148 The Grove – Cllr Orders, D List and J Sherrin met with K Doyle as representative of Friends of The Grove. Agreed to put up new 'no dog signs'. Goal posts to be removed and re-instated for school holidays (Easter to October). Poplars access issue to be re-assessed whilst usage of The Grove as an alternative open space is monitored. To pursue later in new year.

AM19/149 Maintenance & Items of Capital Expenditure - Review need for guiding garden of rest headstones at next meeting.

AM19/150 Information update – No further information

AM19/151 Date of next meeting – 6:30pm Monday 17th February

Meeting closed 7:30pm

Signed: _____
Chair of Amenities Committee

Date: _____