

MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Tuesday 6th October 2020 11am on-line via Zoom link

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

In attendance: J Sherrin (Clerk) J Savage (Deputy Clerk) D List (Grounds & Amenities Manager) J Wakeling (representing Garden Holders Association) and L Smith (representing Friends of Roberts' Recreation Ground)

MINUTES

- AM20/177** **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs P Hyde (Dental Appointment) and D Wright (Convalescing)
- AM20/178** **Declarations of Councillors' interest for items on the agenda:** Cllrs Orders and Fife have allotments
- AM20/179** **Minutes of meeting held on July 21st 2020** Approved as a true record. To be signed when next possible.
- AM20/180** **Matters arising from previous minutes not covered in the agenda.** Cllr Orders noted that one of the sheds recently approved was believed to be used to house a portalo. J Savage to contact tenant to make enquiries. Noted that an amendment is needed in next tenancy agreement review to include clause stating that sheds may not be used for this purpose. Welding of slide and gate update requested – D List to follow up.
- AM20/181** **The Grove** - D List reported that the large beach tree in the Grove has Meripilus, a disease which attacks the roots. Photographs have been sent to a tree specialist who has confirmed the disease is Meripilus. D List to seek 3 quotes for the tree removal.
- AM20/182** **War Memorial** – D List and team will tidy up the memorial before the services on 8th / 11th November. Cllrs J Johnson and/or R Fife to attend. J Savage to contact British Legion for wreath.
- AM20/183** **Millennium Sun Dial** – J Sherrin to contact resident offering donation to refurbish sign.
- AM20/184** **Cemetery**
- (i) Portacabin repairs – A section of the roof has collapsed since the quote for repairs. Though it is still usable it needs to be repaired. D List to seek new quote.
 - (ii) Correspondence from Rev. Anna Alls regarding voluntary group received and noted. Voluntary group have met with D List and Cllrs Hyde and Orders. Will produce a proposal to include detail of ideas discussed at the meeting. D List to present to next Amenities meeting an overall proposal for work to the front borders of the cemetery, with pockets of planting volunteers could work on, sympathetic to the cemetery environment.
 - (iii) Other maintenance issues – The lychgate is starting to rot – will require a specialist contractor to repair.
- AM20/185** **Roberts Recreation Ground**
- (i) Progress with tunnel / mound section – Three quotes are being sought. One already received. Same details to be sent to 2 other suppliers. Once have 3

quotes, D List to contact 3 Villages Gala for £1k funding. L Smith confirmed by the end of the meeting that the £1k from the Lottery grant can also be spent on the mound and slide instead of the stilts originally applied for, as it was “in the same spirit, with the same beneficiaries”. L Smith to chase Lesley Greaves for £1,200 from donations to the Friends of RR for house sales over the summer.

L Smith left at this point

- (ii) Donation from 3 Villages Gala – As above.
- (iii) Friends of Roberts’ Recreation Ground – As above.
- (iv) Equipment and maintenance – Noted 2 new lined, lockable litter bins have been installed.

J Wakeling arrived at this point

AM20/186 Allotments

- (i) Garden Holders’ Association update. Seed catalogues have been distributed. Revenue raised will be used to pay for a skip next year. A Facebook page has been created, which has generated lots of conversations amongst its members. Nottinghamshire Hospice has been contacted regarding their idea for over-production of any fruit and vegetables to be donated for sale. They will be contacted again in the spring by the GHA to advise of any spare produce. Severn Trent Water have been contacted regarding delivery of compost and manure before Christmas. J Savage was thanked for providing updates on GHA member details. Regarding adjacent plots, two people have requested them if they become available and will be contacted by J Savage. Future considerations for tenancy agreements – system for relinquishing half a plot if whole one is too big and clarification on joint tenancies.
- (ii) Waiting list update – 8 residents and 13 non-residents.
- (iii) Maintenance and inspection update. A follow-up inspection has taken place on 13 plots, resulting in 6 being relinquished and 7 being given an extension due to difficulties arising from Covid restrictions and disruption. These will be re-inspected in February 2021. Headlands have been strimmed and more work on tidying up and installing posts will be carried out over the coming months.
- (iv) Request for installation of 8ft x 10 ft shed on plot 11A. J Sherrin to ascertain use of the shed due to its large size. Approval to be delegated to Cllrs Hyde and Orders subject to response.
- (v) Access to ‘Farm Road’ gates restricted by STW for pedestrian safety during crop harvest – noted.

AM20/187 Maintenance & items of capital expenditure – Nothing further.

AM20/188 Information update – Nothing further

AM20/189 Date of next meeting – December 1st at 11am (note this has been subsequently changed to December 8th at 11am)

Signed: _____
Chair of Amenities Committee

Date: _____