

## MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 10am on-line via Zoom link**

**Present:** Cllrs P Hyde (Chair) R Ringham (Vice Chair) R Fife and D Wright

**In attendance:** J Sherrin (Clerk) J Savage (Deputy Clerk) D List (Grounds & Amenities Manager). A Chippindale (Garden Holders Association) L Smith and G Hadjigeorgiou (Friends of Roberts' Recreation Ground)

## MINUTES

**AM21/214      Apologies for Absence – Cllr N Orders**

**AM21/215      Declarations of Councillors' interest for items on the agenda – R Fife has an allotment**

**AM21/216      Minutes of meeting held on February 21<sup>st</sup> 2021- Unanimously approved**

**AM21/217      Matters arising from previous minutes not covered in the agenda – Cllr Y Greenfield is liaising with C Helmore and seeking another quote for the Millennium sundial re-lettering. Scouts requested to keep full allotment plot.**

**AM21/218      Allotments**

- (i) Garden Holders' Association update – Met Climate Change Group to discuss peat-free soil and environmental issues at the allotments. Will be sending out communication to allotment holders. A Chippindale would like to attend Parish Council's site meeting with Notts Wildlife Trust. J Sherrin to include in invitation. Discussion re preservation of rare breed ginger rabbits. Cllr D Wright to ask contact who uses ferrets for rabbit control to call A Chippindale. Skip delivered and monitored by 2 tenants successfully. Signs regarding what could be put in skip adhered to.
- (ii) Waiting list update – 8 residents and 19 non-residents.
- (iii) 6'x6' greenhouse on Plot 49 retrospectively approved.
- (iv) **Proposed and resolved unanimously** to make revisions to Allotment Tenancy Agreement as follows:

3.16 Existing plot holders may rent an additional plot if the vacant plot is adjacent to their own and turns a half plot into a full one only (*through the joining of plots A and B*). *This is only applicable when there is no waiting.*

3.17 *When there is a waiting list for plots and full plots become available, these will be split into 2 half plots.*

3.18 *Any person wishing to become a joint tenant with an existent tenant must add their name to the waiting list. When at the top of the list they then have the option to join an existing tenant or become a tenant of their own plot. Note the maximum number of tenants is 2.*

D List to measure and mark up plot 47 as 2 plots. Request to use rear of muck plot as a communal area at the allotments approved in principle. J Sherrin to advise tenant to liaise with GHA to take idea forward and provide feedback of progress and plans.

*J Savage left at this point*

- AM21/219      The Grove**
- (i) Request from BJ Primary School to lock gates at specific times - reviewed and approved. Gate to be locked between 1-2pm on Wednesdays in term time by Primary School. J Sherrin to advise.
  - (ii) Opening and closing procedure by volunteers reviewed. J Sherrin to write volunteer policy. Hi-vis vests to be printed and provided. New signage to be written and installed.
  - (iii) Update on diseased tree felling – awaiting date for felling from tree services.
  - (iv) Quotes for wood carving reviewed. J Sherrin to contact preferred supplier.
  - (v) Re-establishment of wildflower planting considered and approved as part of Environmental Plan. D List to action in September.
  - (vi) Request from resident for planting of memorial tree considered and approved. D List to liaise with resident on species. To be planted in the vicinity of the beech tree which is being felled.

- AM21/220      Roberts Recreation Ground**
- (i) Friends of Roberts Recreation Ground – Raffle raise £2,030 and BJ Wool Fairy's 'Big Woolly Easter Egg Hunt' raised £1,377 through crowd funding for which the team were congratulated.
  - (ii) FCC grant application and park visits – Visits to parks containing installations from the 3 companies being considered had taken place. On-site meetings with them to be arranged for Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May.
  - (iii) Progress with tunnel / mound section – D List to prompt slide supplier for visit to assess mound structure. L Smith to provide Lottery card for £1000 towards purchase of slide.
  - (iv) Donation from 3 Villages Gala – D List to chase when progress on slide installation made.
  - (v) Equipment and maintenance – No further updates

- AM21/221      Cemetery**
- (i) Maintenance issues, including repairs to front wall – D List still to get quotes
  - (ii) Update on new planting pockets for voluntary groups – Will be wild flower seeded this week for summer display. Volunteers to be sought to adopt the areas from October. Cllr D Wright raised concerns regarding the proximity of the cemetery to the water courses. To circulate details.

**AM21/222      Information update – No further updates**

**AM21/223      Date of next meeting – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 7pm**

Meeting closed 11:25am

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair of Amenities Committee

Date: \_\_\_\_\_