

## MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm via Zoom (Postponed from 2<sup>nd</sup> November)

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

**In attendance:** Cllr L King, J Sherrin (Clerk) D List (Grounds & Amenities Manager).

A Chippindale (Garden Holders' Association) to 7:20pm and G Dignum and S Adams (Friends of Roberts' Recreation Ground) from 7:20pm

### DRAFT MINUTES

**AM21/246** Apologies for Absence - None

**AM21/247** Declarations of Councillors' interest for items on the agenda – Cllrs Hyde and Fife have allotments.

**AM21/248** Minutes of meeting held on September 7<sup>th</sup> 2021 – Approved as a true record, to be signed by the Chair.

**AM21/249** Allotments

- (i) Garden Holders' Association update – Difficulties encountered regarding organising AGM venue. Hoping to hold it at the end of February 2022 in the Village Hall. Taking photos before and after inspections raised as a possibility, but agreed that in person visits were suffice. Update on tenant list – J Savage has sent latest updates to J Wakeling. Issues with pathways to newly split plots – agreed to be reviewed before next meeting. Rabbit control – D Wright to contact Paul. Noted that GHA possibly have enough funds to hire a skip.
- (ii) Waiting list update – 11 Non-Residents.
- (iii) Allotment inspection update – Cllrs P Hyde and R Ringham and J Savage and A Chippindale carried out inspections. Three tenancy agreements have now been terminated and plots are being offered to those on the waiting list. The other 3 tenants under review have made the necessary improvements.
- (iv) Request for crown reduction of walnut tree on plot 53 – D List to seek quotes.
- (v) Request to extend shed as per plans provided on plot 40B – Approved.
- iv) Prior approval (via email) for greenhouse on plot 49 and second shed on plot 47 – Noted.

*A Chippindale left and S Adams and G Dignum joined at this point*

**AM21/250** Roberts Recreation Ground

- (i) Friends of Roberts Recreation Ground – Tom Randall MP has been written to regarding double yellow lines outside the gates to the playground and this has been passed on to NCC highways. Further fund-raising on hold at the moment to avoid losing impact. Phase II refurb of kick-about area to be reconsidered in light of wider Parish Council plans, which include exploring casual play area at the Poplars. FoRR current funding level status to be clarified. Concerns raised about re-opening immediately after works because of time of year work is now being undertaken – could result in the ground becoming very boggy. Agreed to make an assessment as the work comes to a close.

- (ii) New equipment installation – Work has started and wetpour is being lifted. Every effort is being made by the work team to protect the ground as much as possible with boarding and tarpaulin. Spoil which was quoted to be left on site in mounds is now being taken off site as part of the agreed cost as it was not included in the design provided. Cllr Ringham has requested costing for adding matting to the bottom of the double slide and replacement of titan swing bearings whilst installers are on site. Compensation claim has been issued from individual who sprained their ankle at the playground. Claim has been sent to insurers for assessment. Agreed to put post on Village Facebook stating that any specific queries about the park design / installation should be directed to the Parish Council Office, to avoid entering into on-line debates via this platform. Noted that the Parish Council's policy is to use the Facebook to pass on information and not enter into public debate or conversations.
- (iii) Equipment and maintenance – No other updates.

**AM21/251**

**The Grove**

- (i) Diseased tree reduction – Work taking place w/c 15<sup>th</sup> November.
- (ii) Recommendations from Notts Bats Society (via Communities Committee) noted.
- (iii) Installation of outdoor gallery for primary school – D List visited gallery at Sherwood Pines and is advising school on wood to be purchased. Installation to commence as soon as it is delivered.

**AM21/252**

**Cemetery**

- (i) Quote for repairs to front wall received. To recommend to Full Council for the quote 2 to be accepted – to remove copings loose brickwork, re-bed and grind out and re-point both sides leaving with recessed finish £1,560. Proposed this be funded from the contingency element of the community general maintenance budget (4380).
- (ii) Update on diseased beech trees x 2 – D List will ask tree surgeons to visit when they are carrying out the reduction works in the Grove.
- (iii) Portacabin roof repairs – Quote for £5k received. Considered to be very high for size of job. Further quote being carried out by local contractor and to be considered as part of their 'social values' obligation. D List to put tarpaulin in place until the decision is made by the local contractor.
- (iv) Pathways tarmacking works – Cllr R Ringham and J Sherrin have both chased different contacts for the completion of this works. Still awaiting response. Cllr King to also chase.
- (v) Ashes plot area – Resident has made request to GBC for community funding to turf a section of the ashes plot area which is currently gravelled. J Sherrin to ascertain if this funding has been approved by GBC.
- (vi) Cemetery Fees for non-residents with premises owned in the village reviewed. Unanimously agreed that ownership of property in the village does not constitute residency. Therefore rules to remain as set.

**AM21/253**

**Budget considerations for 2022-23**

Mower purchased in 2019 is expected to need to be renewed again in the near future. Pedestrian mower expected to need replacing shortly. Cost of replacing machinery with electric equivalents to be costed by D List. D List proposed changing cemetery borders to have herbaceous plants rather than annuals to better fit the biodiversity plans. D List to provide costings for this. Planting of more trees to also be considered in the next budget.

**AM21/254**

**Information update** – No further updates

**AM21/255**

**Date of next meeting** – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm

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

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