

MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Monday 14th March at 7pm, Main Hall, Old School Building

Present: Cllrs R Ringham (Chair) P Hyde (Vice-Chair) R Fife and G Hadjigeorgiou

In attendance: J Sherrin (Clerk) D List (Grounds & Amenities Manager) A Chippindale (Garden Holders Association) to 7:20pm and L Smith (Friends of Roberts Recreation Ground [Via Facetime due to Covid]) from 7:20pm.

MINUTES

AM22/267 **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs D Wright (Unwell) and Y Greenfield (Prior Engagement)

AM22/268 **Declarations of Councillors' interest for items on the agenda** – Cllr Hadjigeorgiou is a member of the Friends of Roberts Recreation Ground. Cllrs Hyde and Fife have allotments.

AM22/269 **Minutes of meeting held on January 17th 2022** – Approved as a true record and signed by the chair.

AM22/270 **Allotments**

- (i) Garden Holders' Association – A Chippindale provided an update. The AGM is due to be held at the end of April, date to be confirmed. Thanks extended to Deputy Clerk for sending names of GHA members as they come through. A new list will be provided once the annual tenancy renewal is completed in May/June. A skip is booked for 22/23 April. Pathways and water tanks being marked on the map to be completed this spring. D List to turn water back on at the allotments. Rabbit control – cases of myxomatosis is keeping numbers down for the moment. Use of ferrets on hold as wrong time of year for it. Attended jubilee meeting, but will not be participating. Concerns raised regarding polytunnel becoming loose and damaging fruit trees in 2 recent storms. All plot holders to be reminded that the security and fixing of all structures on the allotments are their own responsibility. Deputy Clerk to action.
- (ii) Waiting list – 2 residents on the list
- (iii) Retrospective approval for 10' x 8' shed on Plot 20A and 6' x 6' Greenhouse on Plot 52 - noted. Approval for 5'x7' shed on Plot 27A granted.
- (iv) Item 13.16 of Tenancy Agreement to be revised to include item in bold: Additional Plot - 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 list. **Non-adjacent additional plots may only be rented when there is no waiting list.**
- (v) Maintenance – Nothing to report

7:20pm A Chippindale left at this point. L Smith joined via Facetime

AM22/271 **Roberts Recreation Ground**

- (i) Friends of Roberts Recreation Ground – Plans for the grand opening / fun day are going well. Following discussions with Community Market organiser it was

decided that having market stalls included in the celebrations was not viable. An entertainer from the Gloworm Festival will be attending, with face painting, arts and crafts and possibly a Punch and Judy show. A bicycle selling homemade ice cream is booked, along with a pizza van, bakery and coffee van. The commercial suppliers have been asked to contribute towards the cost of a possible Punch & Judy show. Rainbows/ Guides will be present with arts and crafts. All sponsors to be invited by the FoRR. To be advertised on social media. FoRR to talk to pubs about possible parking. J Sherrin to include the event in The Magazine and advise to walk if possible. D List to provide additional temporary bins on the day.

- (ii) New equipment installation – The ramp has now been installed and an additional RoSPA inspection carried out. Final invoice to be held until the report is returned. The park is extremely popular and feedback to Cllr Ringham on a recent visit was all very positive.
- (iii) Vandalism to bench – The bench has been removed and the incident reported to the police. D List to organise getting it welded and to re-concrete it in position as soon as possible.
- (iv) To consider the installation of CCTV – Noted it would help for incidents such as this. Grant available via Police and Crime Commissioner.
- (v) Equipment and maintenance – The popularity of the park has resulted in lots of litter. There are 5 bins which are emptied daily. The mound for the double slide needs some steps built into the side as this becomes slippery when wet.

AM22/272 The Grove

- (i) Diseased tree reduction – Recommendation to Full Council to request tree surgeons remove remainder of tree and 50% of the invoice is paid to close the matter.
- (ii) Bat boxes – Funded entirely by donations. To be installed by Notts Bat Group.
- (iii) Installation of outdoor gallery for primary school – D List has provided information to the school for them to progress.
- (iv) Equipment and maintenance – New memorial tree planted, funded by resident.

AM22/273 Cemetery

- (i) Front wall repairs – D List to chase.
- (ii) Diseased beech trees x 2 – Cost £450 to deadwood both. To be actioned in April.
- (iii) Portacabin repairs – Roof now repaired. Ceiling to be replaced and electrics to be tested. D List to action.
- (iv) Pathways tarmacking works – Cllr Ringham to call contact at Balfour Beatty.
- (v) Ashes plot re-turfing – Included in D List's programme of works.
- (vi) Border planting with herbaceous plants – Cost approx. £450
- (vii) Water regulation consultation – No updates.

AM22/274 Information update - None

AM22/275 Date of next meeting – Monday 16th May 2022 at 7pm

Meeting closed 8:05pm

Signed: _____
Chair of the Amenities Committee

Date: _____