

## MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm, Main Hall, Old School Building**

**Present:** Cllrs R Ringham (Chair) P Hyde (Vice-Chair) R Fife, Y Greenfield and G Hadjigeorgiou  
**In attendance:** J Sherrin (Clerk) D List (Grounds & Amenities Manager) and J Wakeling (Garden Holders Association) to 7:20pm

- AM22/256**      **Apologies for Absence** D Wright (Unwell)
- AM22/257**      **Declarations of Councillors' interest for items on the agenda** – Cllrs Fife and Hyde have allotments. Cllr Hadjigeorgiou is a member of the Friends of Roberts Recreation Ground.
- AM22/258**      **Minutes of meeting held on November 8<sup>th</sup> 2021** – Approved as a true record and duly signed by the Chair
- AM22/259**      **Allotments**
- (i) Garden Holders' Association update, including pest control. J Wakeling reported that the AGM is still pending and may take place in the spring. Thanks extended to Deputy Clerk for providing tenancy updates. Request made for list of any new members to be passed on to GHA to enable welcome letter to be sent and tour to be organised. New tenants will be shown access pathways. Longer term pathways will be marked on maps. Skip to be booked for March. D List to identify leaks from troughs when water turned back on for spring. STW Farm Manager's advice regarding use of ferrets for rabbit control discussed. Voted 4 in favour and 1 abstention that ferrets could be used for this purpose.
  - (ii) Walnut tree crown reduction quotes – D List received quote of £350 for the works. Agreed that it should be actioned. To be paid for from trees budget.
  - (iii) Waiting list – 10 non-residents are on the allotment waiting list.
  - (iv) Maintenance – Gate 2 difficult to open. May need new latch. D List to investigate.
- J Wakeling left at this point*
- AM22/260**      **Roberts Recreation Ground**
- (i) Friends of Roberts Recreation Ground – As below
  - (ii) New equipment installation – Installers due back on 24.01.22. Concrete plinth for bench to be installed by D List. New springer being set by laurel trees by installers. A second park inspection to be undertaken on completion of all work. Titan Swing bearing – agreed with installers to accept the written offer to install within the next 2 years once bearing is worn. Agreed to be preferable for the FCC grant to be paid to installation company directly. Turf needs to settle for as long as possible before opening. Agreed to have formal opening on 14<sup>th</sup> February at 10:30am with a bigger celebration in the summer.
  - (iii) Equipment and maintenance – trees being pruned ready for opening
  - (iv) Tree survey – Report undertaken in December 2021 received and discussed. D List recommends work being undertaken in November 2022. Agreed that quotes should be sought from tree surgeons for a package of all the works that need to be carried out in the short and medium term following this report.

- AM22/261      The Grove**
- (i)      Diseased tree reduction – Noted that at no point was D List contacted to discuss deviation from the agreed works. Opinion of tree surveyor to be sought by D List and reported back to Full Council.
  - (ii)      Bat boxes – Offers of donations to be accepted for bat boxes to be purchased.
  - (iii)      Installation of outdoor gallery for primary school – D List to provide specification to be passed onto school.
  - (iv)      Equipment and maintenance – Goals are still in situ.
- AM22/262      Cemetery**
- (i)      Front wall repairs – Awaiting date for works to commence
  - (ii)      Diseased beech trees x 2 – D List to get quotes
  - (iii)      Portacabin repairs – Further quote for felt roof and replacement joists received. Ceiling re-boarding can be carried out by PC staff. Agreed state of repair of all buildings and assets need to be reviewed. J Sherrin to organise sorting of contents in the office section.
  - (iv)      Pathways tarmacking works – Contractor to be contacted to complete works
  - (v)      Ashes plot re-turfing – On the jobs list
  - (vi)      Border planting with herbaceous plants – Formal quotation not received, Estimated £450 for 4 beds. In programme of works.
  - (vii)      Water regulation consultation – NALC submission used to respond to DEFRA consultation.
- AM22/263      Millennium Sundial**
- (i)      Replacement of plaques – Residents thanked for donations and organising replacement of plaques and item published in The Magazine.
- AM22/264      Trees in front of shops**
- (i)      Whilst the land is not in the ownership or management of the Parish Council, it supports the need to plant trees and improve the village centre. The development and improvement of the village centre is being discussed with NCC and a meeting set up to re-visit this project.
- AM21/265      Information update** – The Village Society is putting an item in The Magazine to gain support for repairing the clock at the Old School Building.
- AM21/266      Date of next meeting** – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm

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

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