

MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Monday 16th January at 7pm, Main Hall, Old School Building

Present: Cllrs P Hyde (Chair) G Hadjigeorgiou (Vice-Chair) H Chadbourne-Doyle, R Fife and Y Greenfield

In attendance: J Sherrin (Clerk) and D List (Grounds & Amenities Manager)

MINUTES

- AM23/316** **Apologies for Absence** - Cllrs R Ringham (Prior engagement) and D Wright (Sick)
- AM23/317** **Declarations of Councillors' interest for items on the agenda** – Cllrs Fife and Hyde have allotments
- AM23/318** **Resignation from Cllr R Ringham as Chair of Amenities Committee** - Noted
- AM23/319** **Cllr P Hyde unanimously elected as Chair of the Amenities Committee**
- AM23/320** **Cllr G Hadjigeorgiou unanimously elected as Vice-Chair of the Amenities Committee**
- AM23/321** **Minutes of meeting held on 15th November 2022** – Approved as a true record and signed by the Chair
- AM23/322** **Allotments**
- (i) Garden Holders' Association update – Written report received as follows:
- *Digestate and woodchip deliveries continuing, popular.*
 - *Rabbit control visits continuing, trying new strategies as rabbits' habits and routes become clear*
 - *Decision not to participate in Open Gardens event – security, safety, insurances, access across railway line, logistics*
 - *Facebook and GHA emails continue with good responses*
 - *Insurance arranged through the NAS*
 - *Allotment plan with water butt no.s on request – vital for water leak reports – To be actioned by BJPC*
 - *Meeting requested between AC and JSv to go through letting processes – To be actioned by BJPC*
 - *Tree policy awaited – To be actioned by BJPC*
 - *Members Handbook not yet started, nor other winter projects eg constitution, as GHA energies diverted by PC unexpected actions re fee collection*
 - *AM and AC attended meeting re pc decision for GHA to collect own fees from 1 April 23.*
- (ii) GHA invoicing – Following clear advice from Parish Council insurers, proposed and resolved unanimously that the GHA must take responsibility for collecting own membership fees. This to take effect from 1st April 2023 to allow time for GHA to set up subscription system and to tie in with Parish Council's invoicing cycle.
- (iii) Waiting list – 5 residents and 12 non-residents
- (iv) Maintenance – D List to carry out necessary repairs to leaking water tanks

AM23/323**Roberts Recreation Ground**

- (i) Equipment and maintenance – Spinner has been repaired but is broken again. D List sending video to supplier.
- (ii) Main gate review – One quote received to date with revised design, recessing the entrance by approx. 3 meters. Another quote to be sought by D List. To send design ideas to J Sherrin for circulation to councillors. Double yellow lines have been started on Chestnut Grove. Will push ice-cream van further away from playground gate, improving safety.
- (iii) Plaque – Addition of 2nd memorial plaque to park bench – Approved contingent on it being placed onto the existing bench already purchased by the resident making request.
- (iv) Tree works in the playground have commenced and will be taking place over coming weeks. Agreed for works *not* to be carried out during February half term.

AM23/324**The Grove**

- (i) Equipment and maintenance – Goal post is still in The Grove and regularly used by children. New padlock has been placed on the gate.
- (ii) Tree survey – Survey booked for 17th January 2023.

AM23/325**Cemetery**

- (i) Front wall repairs – Quote being sent to D List
- (ii) Maintenance – No updates
- (iii) Tree survey – Survey undertaken 16th January 2023. Identified Cedar tree in front section and robinia tree at the side of the cemetery requiring felling within 1 month and 2 further robinia trees along the side to be felled within 3 months. D List to action 2 fellings as part of current works for safety reasons. Action to be reported to Full Council as emergency works. Proposed that when enquiries are made for the purchase of memorial benches, that residents are advised that replacement trees can be planted in the cemetery as an alternative.

AM23/326

Information update – No further information.

AM23/327

Date of next meeting – 20th March 2023 at 7pm

Meeting closed 19:40

Signed: _____

Chair of Amenities Committee

Date: _____