

MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Tuesday 23rd January 2024 at 7:30pm, Main Hall, Old School Building

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

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

DRAFT MINUTES

- AM24/392** **Apologies for Absence** Cllr G Hadjigeorgiou (Sick)
- AM24/393** **Declarations of Councillors' interest for items on the agenda** – Cllrs Hyde and Fife have allotments.
- AM24/394** **Minutes of meeting held on November 21st 2023** – Approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.
- AM24/395** **Impact of flooding on facilities** – Garage at cemetery flooded by drain water next to portacabin following Storm Henk, with ride on mower and strimmer stored in there. Mower is working again. Strimmer is drying out to see if it needs repair. Playground was closed for 4 days. No lasting damage to surfaces or equipment. Water went up to first bench in playground.
- AM24/396** **Roberts Recreation Ground**
- (i) Correspondence regarding incident on roundabout – reviewed. Grounds were re-inspected and deemed to meet all requirements. Clerk to respond to advise that additional inspection took place and annual RoSPA inspection indicated no cause for concern.
 - (ii) Equipment and maintenance – Zip-slide ok. Finishing touches to gate due to take place on Friday 26th January.
- AM24/397** **Allotments**
- (i) Allotment inspection and waiting list – Inspection to be arranged for Feb/March. Waiting list 3 residents and 21 non residents. 5 plots available, awaiting feedback from plots being offered out.
 - (ii) Maintenance – Tank 1 water leak problems. D List attempted to turn off water but not sure if it has worked. Will need remedial work when water turned on again in the spring.
- AM24/398** **War Memorial**
- (i) Maintenance – No issues to report.
 - (ii) Fence Replacement – On jobs list.
 - (iii) Consideration of ramped access – Memorial specialist met 5th January for quote. 1:6 fall needed for ramp. Suggested moving benches back to accommodate. D List to provide proposed plans when received with quote. To be funded from CIL reserve.
- AM24/399** **Cemetery**
- (i) Maintenance – Yew trees priority – being pruned. Then laurel hedges.
 - (ii) Tree works – Up to date. 2 Acacias and 1 Crab Apple removed – suggest replacements for memorials. To be put in 'The Magazine' next time. Small trees best – e.g. cherry, plumb or acers.
- AM24/400** **The Grove**
- (i) Tree works – Crown reduction on beech tree to be done next financial year. Most work has been pruning, not felling. D List to make recommendations for replacement of any felled trees.

- AM24/401 Old School Building Maintenance**
- (i) Specification for internal renovations – Working Group agreed – Cllrs Y Greenfield and L King with J Sherrin and D List.
 - (ii) Other maintenance – D List to plant OSB flower boxes with winter pansies. Tete a tete in summer.
- AM24/402 Diana Flower Bed** – Damage from Christmas lights event – Agreed to replace shrubs - lavenders etc using Climate Change Reserve as these were originally funded by the Climate Change Group’s grant from GBC – budget £350. Next year will barrier off. Remainder of CCG’s grant to be invested in seeds for planters by the library and dentist.
- AM24/403 Trees at St Helen’s Crescent** – Cllr Fife provided copy of deeds from house on St Helen’s Crescent indicating no riparian responsibilities. Confirmed by another resident who had also checked their deeds. Resident had previously contacted Notts County Council Highways, Gedling Borough Council and the Environment Agency, but none has taken responsibility for the trees. Agreed that as trees in other grass verges were the responsibility of NCC Highways, Cllr Mike Adams should be asked to investigate. Clerk to put resident in direct contact with him.
- AM24/404 Information update** - None
- AM24/405 Date of next meeting** – Tuesday 19th March at 7pm

Meeting closed 8:15pm

Signed: _____
Chair of Amenities Committee

Date: _____