

MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Tuesday 26th July at 7pm, Main Hall, Old School Building
(Postponed from 18th July 2022)

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

In attendance: J Sherrin (Clerk) A Chippindale (Garden Holders Association) to 7:20pm

MINUTES

AM22/287 Apologies for Absence - D List (Grounds & Amenities Manager)

AM22/288 **Declarations of Councillors' interest for items on the agenda** – Cllrs Hyde and Fife have allotments. Cllr Hadjigeorgiou is a member of Friends of Roberts Recreation Ground

AM22/289 **Minutes of meeting held on May 16th 2022** – Approved as a true record and signed by the Chair

AM22/290 **Allotments**

- (i) Garden Holders' Association – A Chippindale provided an update. Following recent correspondence from STW, confirmed that all digestate orders should be organised through the Parish Council Office. Letters sent following inspections discussed. Noted that the terms of the Agreement clearly state expectations of plot maintenance. Gate 2 has been fixed by STW. J Wakeling has retired as secretary to the GHA after 5 years, but remains on the committee. The position has been filled by A Maynes. The new Facebook page now has 40 members and will be a useful means of communicating between allotment holders. Members being encouraged to place seed orders on-line. Agreed for email to be sent to all plot holders advising that no fires should be lit in the exceptionally dry weather and for temporary signs to be put up, also to state in the email that any water leaks should be reported immediately. The same message to be communicated via GHA's Facebook page. Use of ferrets for rabbit control discussed. Agreed that Cllr R Ringham would contact STW Farms Manager. Update on Lee Road car park requested. Noted that legal advice is being sought and the matter is on-going.
- (ii) Amendment to Tenancy Agreements considered. Agreed to update as follows:

[2. WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE COUNCIL THE TENANT SHALL NOT:] ...

2.5 Erect any building, garden shed, greenhouse or polytunnel on The Plot. Applications must be made in writing prior to any installations and must include a plan of the location, materials and dimensions of the requested structure and any existing structures on The Plot. All newly installed structures must be at least 1m from the perimeter hedge line to allow for maintenance. The inclusion of guttering and water butts is recommended as part of our Environmental Policy.

- iii) Waiting list – 1 resident, 4 non-residents
- (iii) Maintenance – New “ALLOTMENT HOLDER ONLY” signs to be installed on gates.

AM22/291 Roberts Recreation Ground

- (i) Friends of Roberts Recreation Ground – Noted occasions of broken glass and over-flowing bins as a result of very heavy usage of the park. Concerns remain regarding missing hanging item on titan swing. Agreed to review and monitor.
- (ii) Security quote for gate locking received. CCTV camera installation has been explored. Trent Valley Councillor Sam Smith has made a request to GBC to include within their monitoring system. Grant application to Police & Crime Commission still to be made to cover additional costs. Agreed that CCTV installation would negate need for gate locking.
- (iii) Equipment and maintenance, including gate and surfacing – Issues relating to the playing surface and particular items of equipment have been reported to installation firm and a response is awaited. Agreed that a site meeting with them should be requested. D List has been exploring gate redesign options. Next step to get quotes. Update Cllr Hadjigeorgiou to send update email to parents raising concerns about the gate.

Cllr P Hyde left at this point

AM22/292 The Grove

- (i) Equipment and maintenance – BJ Primary School’s gallery has now been installed.
- (ii) Request from resident to minimise fire risk during hot weather discussed. Agreed for notice to be displayed on park gate indicating no BBQs in exceptionally dry weather.

AM22/293 Cemetery

- (i) Front wall repairs – Delays due to builders being extremely busy and struggling to fit into work schedule. Cllrs King and Johnson to pass on details to D List and Cllr D Wright to chase up recommended builder.
- (ii) Diseased beech trees x 2 – Have been dead-wooded and pruned.
- (iii) Pathways tarmacking works – D List to contact contractor previously used.
- (iv) Tree reports to be booked now to be carried out in October / November 2022.

AM22/294 Information update – No further information

AM22/295 Date of next meeting – Monday 19th September at 7pm

Signed: _____
Chair of Amenities Committee

Date: _____