

MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Monday 16th May 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 from 7:40pm.

MINUTES

- AM22/276** **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr D Wright
- AM22/277** **Election of Chair** – Cllr R Ringham unanimously elected as Chair
- AM22/278** **Election of Vice-Chair** – Cllr P Hyde unanimously elected as Vice-Chair
- AM22/279** **Declarations of Councillors' interest for items on the agenda** – Cllrs P Hyde and R Fife have allotments. Cllr G Hadjigeorgiou is a member of the Friends of Roberts Recreations Ground.
- AM22/280** **Minutes of meeting held on March 14th 2022** – Approved as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.
- AM22/281** **Allotments**
- (i) Garden Holders' Association update – A Chippindale reported that the AGM went well, with the addition of 2 new committee members to the existing 3. They are anticipating the GHA Facebook account will become more active now. Skip hire went well, with no problems. Report was submitted by the GHA for the Annual Parish Meeting. Request made for GHA to liaise directly with STW for dates for deliveries of digestate from Severn Trent Water. The committee was content with this arrangement. Confirmed the Parish Council will be adding locations of water troughs to maps, not the GHA. Concerns raised regarding existing tenants knowing of changes to Tenancy Agreements. Noted that the Deputy Clerk advises all Tenants whenever changes are made. Clarified that details of tenants who agree for their information to be passed onto the GHA (for the sole purpose of communicating GHA business) are provided to the GHA for them to process within their own procedures, which could include the Chair if this was considered by their own organisation to be appropriate. Concerns were raised that individuals who assist on plots, but are not named tenants, do not have tenancy rights. Clarified this is the case and only named tenants have tenancy rights. GHA to advise its members that they need to be named on the Tenancy Agreement to have any rights.
 - (ii) GHA membership benefits document – Reviewed and noted.
 - (iii) To note concerns over theft from plot – GHA to mention of Facebook account.
 - (iv) To review water supplies – Noted water supply had been turned off due to leak and the problem persists because heavy vehicles are driven over pipework from manure deliveries. Agreed that the GHA Facebook page would be the best means of communicating if such an occasion arises again in order to warn plot holders of any water shut-offs.

- (v) Waiting list – 5 residents and 4 non-residents. No plots currently available.
- (vi) Approval for 24'x10' polytunnel on Plot 20A – Unanimously approved.
- (vii) Maintenance – Inspection due. Deputy Clerk to organise inspection – P Hyde, R Ringham, A Chippindale and self.

AM22/282 Roberts Recreation Ground

- (i) Friends of Roberts Recreation Ground – L Smith reported that the Fun Day had been well attended and had a relaxed atmosphere, with good weather. Requested for the titan swing seat to be re-instated. D List to action and monitor. Improvements to football area – the surface has been jet washed. Goals need to be repaired / replaced. Person offering to donate basket ball hoop to be contacted by L Smith and asked to liaise directly with D List re specifications. D List to advise L Smith of existing manufacturer.
- (ii) Equipment and maintenance – D List reported that the new Freising unit is proving difficult to maintain as the bolts need frequent tightening. Installers have advised it the unit is 'settling in'. The bench which was repaired has been broken again. The Titan swing has been removed and bolts taken off the bridge by park users. Access to CCTV via Police and Crime Commissioner to be followed up.
- (iii) Letter regarding incident with gate received. Noted that the gate is a soft-close one to ensure the children are kept safely in the park. RoSPA reports have not flagged it as a concern. Long term to review design. Agree to request to meet on site – Cllrs Hadjigeorgiou and Ringham.

AM22/283 The Grove

- (i) Installation of outdoor gallery for primary school – Wood has arrived and the digger is booked.
- (ii) Tree reports – D List to book for surveys to be carried out in October / November 2022.
- (iii) Equipment and maintenance – Goal still in the Grove to be left there. Bunting to be put up for the Queen's Jubilee in the Grove and on the Roberts Rec railings. Funded by Trent Valley Councillors' 'Community Fund'.

AM22/284 Cemetery

- (i) Front wall repairs – Contractor identified not responding to calls. To look for alternative.
- (ii) Diseased beech trees x 2 have been dead-wooded and pruned.
- (iii) Pathways tarmacking works – Cllr Ringham has chased Balfour Beatty but with not success. Cllr King to write letter. D List to contact contractor previously used.
- (iv) Tree surveys – as with The Grove, to be booked in October / November 2022
- (v) Ashes plot re-turfing – Letter of thanks received and noted
- (vi) Planting of with herbaceous plants complete.

AM22/285 Information update – No response received from The Grove Beech Tree contractor. No action required.

AM22/286 Date of next meeting – Monday 11th July at 7pm

Meeting closed 8:30pm

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Chair of Amenities Committee