

MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Tuesday 15th November at 6pm, Main Hall, Old School Building

Present: Cllrs R Ringham (Chair) P Hyde (Vice-Chair), L King, R Fife, and Y Greenfield

In attendance: J Savage (Deputy Clerk), D List (Grounds & Amenities Manager)

A Chippindale and D Sedgewick (BJGHA), Cllr Hazel Chadbourne-Doyle

MINUTES

- AM22/306** **Apologies for Absence** - Cllrs G Hadjigeorgiou (work) and D Wright (sick)
- AM22/307** **Declarations of Councillors' interest for items on the agenda** - Cllrs P Hyde and R Fife have allotments
- AM22/308** **Approval of minutes of meeting held on 20th September 2022** - Approved as a true record and signed by the Chair
- AM22/309** **Allotments**
(i) Garden Holders' Association update: A Chippindale provided an update. Thank you for the gate signs. Digestate and woodchip delivered, with thanks to Severn Trent. Rabbit control (ferret man) to visit again December. The compost workshops well received with more to be arranged. GHA to attend the Burton Joyce Open Gardens meeting. GHA seed orders now online, with 55% of GHA members now using, saving time for GHA administration. Facebook emails and communications are in progress. GHA arranging insurance for paid-up members. Water butt numbers be identified on the allotment plan. Date of next Amenities meeting to be circulated when known. It is the intention of the BJ GHA to issue a handbook to both new and existing tenants, when written, it was agreed the Amenities Committee to see a copy before distribution. The process for additional plots is as follows:
Existing plot holders taking on the adjacent plot - clause 3.16 Additional Plot - Existing plot holders may rent an additional plot if the vacant plot is adjacent to their own and turns a half plot into a full one only (through the joining of plots A and B). This is only applicable when there is no waiting. Non-adjacent additional plots may only be rented when there is no waiting list.
Existing plot holders taking on a second (or third) additional unconnected plot – Existing tenants may rent an additional plot if the vacant plot is adjacent to their own and turns a half plot into a full one only (through the joining of plots A and B).
Existing plot holders wanting to do a plot swap. No - but a tenant can be added to the waiting list, with a note of interest only for a particular plot and when that particular plot is relinquished, they could have first refusal.
(ii) Tree policy – to be reviewed
(iii) GHA to collect their own annual fees from 1st April 2023 - deferred to a separate meeting
(iv) 11 non-residents are on the waiting list. 1 plot (55) will be made available but in condition poor. 1 resident on resident waiting list requiring joint tenancy to share plot with existing resident.
(v) Maintenance update - None
- AM22/310** **Roberts Recreation Ground**
(i) Equipment and maintenance – D List provided an update: Surfaces work completed, guarantee for surfaces is 5 years.
The Spinner is not secure, mechanism to be reviewed and repaired, it was noted this equipment cannot be used.
All wooden equipment is in working order

Roberts Recreation Ground Tree report - D Simpkins's report advised a cost £4500.00 to do the works recommended. It was noted now or early in the New Year is a good time to complete the necessary work. We have until April 2023 to be covered under DS insurance. 12 trees identified to have substantial work undertaken. It was agreed for to contact J Sherrin regarding the budget.

AM22/311

The Grove

- (i) Request to scatter ashes in The Grove - Approved
- (ii) Equipment and maintenance - Tree Survey for The Grove & Cemetery to be booked in by D List this year, with the works being undertaken in 2023
- (iii) Requests for tree trimming – If high-lighted during the next Tree Survey report as a danger, then action will be taken.

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Cemetery

- (i) Front wall repairs – To be scheduled in.
- (ii) Maintenance – None

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Millennium Sundial – Update on Pollinator Project - To be scheduled in.

AM22/314

Information update – The main gate of the Roberts Recreation Ground to be reviewed in the New Year

AM22/315

Date of next meeting – to accommodate councillors' attendance it was recommended by the Chair the Committee start at 7pm.

Meeting closed 6:40pm

Signed: _____
Chair of Amenities Committee

Date: _____