

MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

**Tuesday 3rd September 2024 at 7pm, Main Hall,
Old School Building, Main Street, Burton Joyce**

Present: Cllrs G Hadjigeorgiou (Chair) P Hyde (Vice Chair) R Fife and Y Greenfield

In attendance: J Sherrin (Clerk) D List (Grounds & Amenities Manager) Cllr L King and 2 members of the Garden Holders' Association (GHA)

MINUTES

AM24/445 **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr H Chadbourne-Doyle

AM24/446 **Declarations of Councillors' interest for items on the agenda** – Cllrs Hyde and Fife have allotments.

AM24/447 **Minutes of meeting held on July 8th 2024** – approved and signed by the Chair

AM24/448 **Trees Survey** – Survey date not yet booked in – D List to action.

AM24/449 **Allotments**

- (i) GHA Update –The new Chair of the GHA provided an update following their recent meeting and presented a proposal to liaise more closely with the Parish Council to assist in improving the general condition of the allotments and help reduce the waiting list. Agreed for Cllrs Hyde and Hadjigeorgiou to fix a date for next inspection within the next 2 weeks and to invite 2 members of the GHA to join them. Further discussions about this proposal to take place at this time. Installation of number posts to be reviewed by D List. Request for replacement noticeboard – put on hold until after inspection.
- (ii) Tenancy Agreement – Addition of Bee Keeping clause and policy to be included in Agreement. Insurance certificates required of anyone already housing bees on the site. Deputy Clerk to follow up.
- (iii) Other Maintenance – Cllr Greenfield to organised sub-contractor for clearance of 34B.

AM24/450 **Roberts Recreation Ground**

- (i) RoSPA report – Minor repairs carried out. D List to book in surface contractors for quote for area around slide and roundabout. Cllr Hadjigeorgiou to create schedule.
- (ii) Goal and surface repairs and maintenance (ref F&GP priorities review) – On hold.
- (iii) Update on surfacing / introduction of steps on wide slide – as above.
- (iv) Equipment and maintenance – Old wooden sign removed. Clerk requested for old Covid signs to be removed too. Noted NALC inspection course postponed.

AM24/451 **War Memorial**

- (i) Fence Replacement – Done.
- (ii) Ramped Access – Asked contractor for quote on works for this and cemetery wall. Awaiting quote. D List has aluminium ramps that can be used for remembrance service if required.
- (iii) Bench refurbishment / treatment – One bench has now been painted by the volunteers. Have been supplied with paint. Will paint the other. D List to ask if can be done in time for remembrance service. Cllr Hadjigeorgiou to write thank you letter. Cllr Fife to lay poppy wreath at remembrance service. Cllr Hadjigeorgiou to seek details from Revd. A Alls.

- AM24/452 Cemetery**
- (i) Memorial bench - review of request for alternative adornment on seat. Noted no ashes are interred in the cemetery for the deceased. Statements made in email are incorrect. Concern remains about setting precedent for future benches. Clerk and Cllr Hadjigeorgiou to compose response, to include request for information regarding proposed wording and fixings.
 - (ii) Laurel hedge cut-back for Chestnut Grove – Noted that in all sites householders are responsible for keeping hedges trimmed on their own side of a boundary. D List to advise resident that he will trim top and sides only.
 - (iii) Portacabin – Ceiling to be installed by staff member.
 - (iv) Wall – Quotes from 2 contractors have been requested.
- AM24/453 The Grove**
- (i) Update on fencing – Fences to be installed by householder around existing shrubs.
 - (ii) Purchase of new bins x 2 approved.
 - (iii) Request to replace and relocate memorial beech tree for rowan approved. Resident to purchase, D List to plant in October.
- AM24/454 Old School Building Maintenance**
- (i) Update on corridor / main hall / room 3 decoration works. Noted that contractors have done an excellent job and been a pleasure to work with. Thanks to be extended to all. Difficulties experienced with return of nursery as flooring works not complete - endeavouring to work with them to finalise the works. Nursery toilets and entrance hall to be considered for next works. Agreed to not pursue immediately due to upcoming works on the community garden and staff workloads.
 - (ii) Update on drainage review – D List to chase.
 - (iii) To consider purchase of folding chairs – Existing chairs to be steam cleaned. Purchase of replacement folding ones to be re-visited.
 - (iv) Storage – Cllr Greenfield requested update from Brass Band. Awaiting response.
- AM24/455 Site Priorities Review** – Follow-up site visits to be organised in Feb/March 2025.
- AM24/456 Information update** – Cllr Hyde suggested dog bowl and poo bags to be supplied in Lee Road car park.
- AM24/457 Date of next meeting** – October 29th at 7pm.

Signed: _____
Chair of Amenities Committee

Date: _____