



MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Tuesday September 10th 2019 7:30pm

Parish Office, Old School Building, Main Street, Burton Joyce

Present: Cllrs N Orders (Chair) P Hyde (Vice Chair) and S Cook

In attendance: J Sherrin (Clerk) D List (Grounds and Amenities Manager) and L Smith (representing Friends of Roberts' Recreation Ground)

MINUTES

- AM19/118** **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs Elly Jones and Richard Fife
- AM19/119** **Declarations of Councillors' interest for items on the agenda** – Cllr N Orders has an allotment
- AM19/120** **Minutes of meeting held on July 22nd 2019** – Approved as a true record and duly signed by the Chair
- AM19/121** **Matters arising from previous minutes not covered in the agenda** – D List to contact Scouts regarding clearing up following use of the Grove next year.
- AM19/122** **Roberts Recreation Ground**
- (i) L Smith provided an update on Friends of Roberts' Recreation Ground. Two meetings have been held by the Group, of which there are currently 9 members. A list of items the Group would like to see in the park was provided. It was agreed that these would need to be costed and prioritised. The Group is aiming to raise funds for specific items via crowd-funding and traditional fund-raising methods. Further work to take place to agree priorities, time-scales and funding sources. D List noted that the Chair of the 3-Villages Gala had offered to make a donation for repairs to the park. Cllr Cook noted that she would like to see the same provision for teenagers in the village as for younger children.
 - (ii) Dog control order – noted dogs are taken into the park, often small ones. Smoking, drinking and vaping is equally an issue. To be monitored.
 - (iii) To receive update on equipment maintenance – Second trampoline is now repaired. Graffiti has been washed off equipment. Spring toy outstanding.
- AM19/123** **Allotments**
- (i) GHA update – no issues at present
 - (ii) Request for chicken coop on allotment reviewed – Approved on the following provisos: i) It has no concrete base ii) it is a temporary structure that can be removed from the site iii) provision is in place for the care of the chickens if the tenants are indisposed.
 - (iii) To review condition of plot 55a – approved to let it Free of Charge
 - (iv) Waiting list reviewed – 5 residents and 5 non-residents. One plot has just been relinquished - to be offered to a resident on the waiting list.

- (v) Allotment inspections update – improvements have been made to some allotments where tenants have received letters. Notice to be served to those who have not complied with agreement.

AM19/124 Cemetery

- (i) To receive quotations for tarmac – quote for £5,250+VAT received. D List to get 2 further quotes.
- (ii) To note request for statistics for Non Domestic Rates Re-Evaluation 2021. Information provided as follows: An average of 15 plots per year are required, with a total of approximately 400 grave spaces available.

AM19/125 The Grove

- (i) Feedback on use of goal post over the summer school holidays – goal post was well used and no complaints were received from neighbours, so considered a success.

AM19/126 Maintenance & Items of Capital Expenditure

To receive and make recommendation on any areas of maintenance and capital expenditure. D List noted that the Kubota ride-on tractor, used mostly in the cemetery, has broken down 3 times in recent months and cost £1,500 in repairs during this time. D List to get quote for repairs and ascertain cost of replacement. Decision to be made at Full Council as to whether to repair or replace it.

AM19/127 Information update

No further updates

AM19/128 Date of next meeting – October 28th 2019 at 7:30pm (note change of date)

Meeting closed at 8:55pm

Signed: _____
Chair of Amenities Committee

Date: _____