

MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Tuesday 20th September at 6pm, Main Hall, Old School Building

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

In attendance: J Sherrin (Clerk) D List (Grounds & Amenities Manager) Cllr L King (from 6:15pm)

A Chippindale and A Maynes (BJGHA) to 6:20pm

MINUTES

- AM22/296** **Apologies for Absence** - Cllrs G Hadjigeorgiou (work) and D Wright (sick)
- AM22/297** **Declarations of Councillors' interest for items on the agenda** – Cllrs P Hyde and R Fife have allotments
- AM22/298** **Approval of minutes of meeting held on July 26th 2022** – Approved as a true record and signed by the Chair
- AM22/299** **Allotments**
- (i) Garden Holders' Association update – A Maynes provided an update. Their Facebook account now has c50 members, representing approx. half of allotment tenants and is increasing. This is being used for seed and plant swaps, socials, tours etc and is becoming an effective communication platform. A monthly newsletter and regular article in The Magazine is also helping to improve communication with members and the wider community. Automatic affiliated membership to BJGHA provides offers, support and discounts as well as insurance. A saving of c£160 per year has already been made from improved procedures. The constitution will be reviewed in the winter, with a view to building climate change action into it. Requested for Councillors to consider contents relating to roles and responsibility of the Parish Council, clarity around policies, access, railway crossings etc. which could be included in an information pack. Agreed bullet points from Tenancy Agreement would be a useful starting point. To be reviewed at next meeting. Noted the rabbit control using ferrets is being followed up by the BJGHA.
- (ii) Amendments to Tenancy Agreements considered and unanimously approved as follows:
I give permission for the contact details stated above to be passed on to the *Burton Joyce* Garden Holders Association (*BJGHA*) for the sole purpose of conducting *BJGHA* business. (Items in *italics* represent changes). Revised Agreement to be circulated to all tenants for signature.
- Cllr L King arrived at this point*
- (iii) Waiting list – 8 residents and 9 non-residents. A further inspection is due to take place in October.
- (iii) Maintenance – Gate latch is being looked at by D List. New signs are on order. Fire risk signs have been removed now exceptionally dry period has passed.
- A Chippindale and A Maynes left at this point*

- AM22/300 Roberts Recreation Ground**
- (i) Equipment and maintenance – Spinner remains cordoned off. Installers seeking replacement of item from supplier. Remedial works to address surface shrinkage to be undertaken by installers. Will require 2 days to set. Request to be made to supplier that this is not in half-term holidays. D List noted that bolts on the Freising unit have not required as much tightening of late, now it is settling in. However there are concerns regarding the size of some of the splits in the wood. To continue to monitor.
 - (ii) Request for 2nd memorial plaque on bench considered and unanimously approved.
- AM22/301 The Grove**
- (i) Equipment and maintenance – No issues.
 - (ii) Requests for tree trimming – Tree survey to be booked by D List to take place in Oct / Nov. Results of survey to be used to inform decisions regarding requests from residents for tree topping.
- AM22/302 Cemetery**
- (i) Front wall repairs – Cllr Wright to be asked for progress.
 - (ii) Maintenance – Garages to be cleared in due course.
- AM22/303 Millennium Sundial** – Update on Pollinator Project – Noted project overlaps this and Communities Committee - Climate Change group requested to plant bulbs around tree bases. Cadent will fund £200 towards pollinator-friendly plants. Proposed by F&GP that Parish Council funds up to £600 on timber and materials as part of agreed Environmental Plan.
- AM22/304 Information update** – Cllr Hyde noted that he had contacted Severn Trent Water regarding concerns that tractors were travelling in convoy along the A612 and working on Sundays. STW advised they will re-iterate requirement not to travel in convoy and explained necessity to work on those Sundays. D List to continue to liaise with STW over match day parking along station road, which causes tractors to need to re-route at weekends.
- AM22/305 Date of next meeting** – Tuesday 15th November at 6pm.

Meeting closed 6:50pm

Signed: _____
Chair of Amenities Committee

Date: _____