

MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Monday 7th August at 7:30pm, Main Hall, Old School Building

Present: Cllrs P Hyde (Chair) G Hadjigeorgiou (Vice Chair) and H Chadbourne-Doyle, Y Greenfield and R Fife

In attendance: J Sherrin (Clerk) D List (Grounds & Amenities Manager) Cllr L King and 5 members of the public (4 adults 1 child), including GHA representative.

DRAFT MINUTES

AM23/351 Apologies for Absence - None

AM23/352 Declarations of Councillors' interest for items on the agenda - None

AM23/353 Minutes of meeting held on June 12th 2023 – Approved as a true record and signed by the Chair

AM23/354 Roberts Recreation Ground

- (i) Main gate. Representation was made from 2 parents and a grandparent of children who had injured their heads on the gate into the playground. They noted that from talking to friends and from conversations on social media that this had occurred to other children (all 7 years old and of a similar height) and wanted assurance that something was being done about it. They were reassured by councillors that, despite the gate having passed the nationally approved RoSPA inspection each year, further investigations were taking place to consider how the gate may be redesigned. Cllrs reported that RoSPA and alternative gate suppliers have been contacted and some new designs proposed, but it requires further investigation to ensure the best long-term solution. Gedling Borough Council's parks team to be contacted by D List next for advice. Agreed for both short and long term solutions to be found and implemented as soon as possible. Representatives to be kept informed of progress by Cllr Hadjigeorgiou and to attend September meeting for update.

4 members of the public (3 adults, 1 child) left at 7:50pm

- (ii) Equipment and maintenance – Spinner and other recently installed items being reviewed with suppliers on 8th August to resolve continuing fault with spinner and other issues identified in the RoSPA report. Zip wire on G&A Manager's list to do, along with other maintenance requirements. Subcontracting the repairs to be considered as an option.

AM23/355 Allotments

- (i) Garden Holders' Association – Report provided by GHA member, which now has a new committee. A new contact system has been set up and GHA membership invoices will be sent out on 15th August, with an increase in the fee to £5 per year and a reminder that BJPC is no longer handling the GHA membership fees. Wood chip and digestate being delivered. All going well so far.

- (ii) Allotment Inspection – taking pace shortly.
- (iii) Waiting list – 4 residents and 19 non-residents.
- (iv) Tree Policy – Working Group Update. Proposed amendments to old policy noted. G&A Manager to ask tree surveyor for recommended frequency of inspection. Approved contingent on this recommendation being included in the final draft.
- (v) Maintenance – Ready for another mow.

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War Memorial

- (i) Maintenance – J Sherrin to write and update resident

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Cemetery

- (i) Maintenance – Update
- (ii) Tree survey and works – 3 trees felled, Another tranche due in September. D List obtaining quote ready for next meeting.

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The Grove

- (i) Tree works – 3 trees felled.

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Old School Building Maintenance

- (i) Kitchen installation – Upgrade to kitchen has begun. Agreed that permissions not required for maintenance and upkeep. Suspended ceiling quote received and noted. Approved to proceed as within budget.
- (ii) Upgrade of room 3 – Quote for suspended ceiling received. To await quote from builder once kitchen refurb complete.
- (iii) Other maintenance (inc. gutters and drains) – D List has met with roofing contractor and drains specialist. Quote for jetting 2 drains £300 received and approved. D List to request additional quote for the drain by the ramp. Repairs to guttering still required. D List to liaise with roofer and action urgently. Further grass seeding to garden area considered agreed not cost effective as ground elder would over-power. Wait for new designs. New signage for outside OSB reviewed. Option D approved. J Sherrin to place order.

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Information update – No other updates

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Date of next meeting – Tuesday 26th September 2023

Meeting closed 8:35pm

Signed: _____

Chair of Amenities Committee

Date: _____