

MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Monday 12th June at 7:30pm, Main Hall, Old School Building

Present: Cllrs P Hyde (Chair) G Hadjigeorgiou (Vice Chair) and H Chadbourne-Doyle

In attendance: Cllr L King, J Sherrin (Clerk) and D List (Grounds & Amenities Manager)

MINUTES

- AM23/338** **Apologies for Absence** Cllrs R Fife and Y Greenfield
- AM23/339** **Election of Chair** – Cllr P Hyde unanimously elected as Chair
- AM23/340** **Election of Vice-Chair** – Cllr G Hadjigeorgiou unanimously elected as Vice Chair
- AM23/341** **Declarations of Councillors' interest for items on the agenda** – Cllr Hyde has an allotment. Cllr Hadjigeorgiou is a member of the Friends of Roberts Recreation Ground.
- AM23/342** **Minutes of meeting held on March 20th 2023** – Approved as a true record and duly signed by the Chair
- AM23/343** **Allotments**
- (i) Garden Holders' Association – No members present. Noted there has been a change in Chair and membership of the committee since the last meeting. Skip was booked for the allotments and quickly filled.
 - (ii) Allotment Inspection – Cllrs Hyde and Hadjigeorgiou attended with Chair of GHA and Deputy Clerk. 5 tenants have received 30 days notice. 16 have been issued letters to improve the plots before the next inspection. Next inspection will take place within 30 days of the last inspection.
 - (iii) Waiting list – 4 residents, 19 non-residents
 - (iv) Tree Policy – Working Group Update. Tree policy in Tenancy Agreement appropriate as it stands. Cllr G Hadjigeorgiou to review existing Policy for all sites with D List and J Sherrin.
 - (v) No Mow May – Agreement terms to be reviewed by Cllrs Hadjigeorgiou and Hyde with Chair of GHA and feedback to committee.
 - (vi) Maintenance – Stand-on mower currently being repaired, so headlands have not been mowed. GHA Chair to be advised. D List to trim in the meantime.
- AM23/344** **War Memorial**
- (i) Request for tree and hedge removal to prevent antisocial behaviour considered. Agreed that hawthorn tree could be crown lifted and hedge behind bus stop levelled off. Gap in hedge has been filled. D List to get quote for new fencing to go in existing concrete posts with the aim of installing in winter. Greenery to be kept on the site as much as possible.
- AM23/345** **Cemetery**
- (i) Maintenance – Wild flowers and herbaceous border looking good.
 - (ii) Tree survey and works – D List to book works to remove 1 x cherry and 2 x robinia trees identified as diseased in report. Crab apple tree to be purchased and planted in October to replace cherry tree.
- AM23/346** **Roberts Recreation Ground**
- (i) Review of RoSPA report – D List working through repairs in order of priority. New equipment splintering. Wetpour shrinking. Ladder and pole conflicting, needs redesign. Cllr Hadjigeorgiou to contact Installers with D List.

- (ii) Equipment and maintenance – Spinner replaced, but not with new bearing. Supplier now fitting bearing as well. Zip wire- cable now needs to be replaced as will as button seat.
- (iii) Main gate – To be adjusted as per RoSPA report. New foam to be added. D List to get quote for replacement of like-for-like gate and fence panel, without reconfiguration.

Concerns raised over ice cream van's fumes over children's playground. Cllr Hadjigeorgiou to ask Cllr Smith, GBC if there are any enforcements or regulations regarding sitting / parked vehicles that could assist.

Parking on nearby verges discussed. Awaiting report from Trent Valley Councillors' walk-about.

AM23/347 The Grove

- (i) Tree works – 5 trees highlighted for works – D List to get quote to carry out the works. Large beech tree has thin canopy, not part of survey. D List to seek advice from Tree Surveyor. Noted small copper beech memorial tree has died in the drought. If request received to replace it can be authorised. Planting would be in October.
- (ii) Request to plant rooted Christmas tree in Grove or Poplars – Covered at last meeting – to be planted at OSB for Christmas lights.

AM23/348

- (i) Old School Building Maintenance – Quotations for kitchen upgrade. To recommend installation to Full Council, funded from Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) as it is for community use – users of the Old School Building and for village events. Aim to undertake works in August. Quote being sought from local builder for refurbishment of Room 3 and corridor. Noted guttering also needs to be fixed and drains cleared. Cllrs Hadjigeorgiou and King to provide contacts to D List.

AM23/349 Information update – No further information

AM23/350 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 1st August at 7pm.

Meeting closed 8:35pm

Signed: _____
Chair of Amenities Committee

Date: _____