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Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held at Grange Hall on Tuesday 5th April 2022 at 7pm

In attendance: Cllr Alice Tomlinson (Chair), Cllr Jo Spencer, Cllr Harry Curtis, Cllr Shaun Moroney, Cllr Gillian Dunn, Cllr Irene Dovey, Cllr Anne McLeod, Cllr Sue Clegg, Cllr Ian Rhodes.

Also present: Karen Green (Clerk), Claire Sutcliffe (Parish Council Administrator), Lisa Simpson (Hall Manager), RBC Cllr Abby Brennan and 1 member of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr David Graham, Cllr Matthew Douglas-Kirk, Cllr Oliver Bere, Cllr Martin Davis, Cllr Phil Thomas, Cllr Tracy James, RBC Cllr Neil Clarke, NCC/RBC Cllr Roger Upton - **Approved**

2. Declarations of Interest

None received.

3. Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business. Limited to 15 Minutes

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.01pm

Janet Maughan from the Gardening Club spoke to offer the group's assistance with the replanting of Rockley Memorial Park. They were aware a plan was being drafted by the Senior Groundsman but aren't aware of what this plan is yet. She will call the office to give contact details of the Club Chair so that this can be communicated to them once it has been decided. The Chair thanked them for their offer of assistance.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.06pm

4. Proposal to Accept the Minutes of the Amenities Meeting held on 8th February 2022

Proposal: That the minutes were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

5. Chairman's Announcements

Cllr Tomlinson would like to put on record her thanks to all Working Groups for their recent hard work. These are vital in order to get results for the community and the meetings are often called at short notice and at inconvenient times so it is appreciated when people go out of their way to attend.

6. Clerk's Report on Previous Minutes

Some of the wooden posts at Wharf Lane have rotted and come away so need to decide what to do. Hanging Baskets are in hand and the risk assessment shows two people will need to operate the bowser. Cllr Graham would like to advise that his radiotherapy is due to finish at the end of April so he intends to return to face to face meetings in May. He has kept up to date with all Parish Council matters during the time away from meetings.

Cllr Spencer has suggested getting quotes for the improving the car park at Wharf Lane.

7. Proposal to accept the quote for grass cutting from the current contractor for the next year

It was noted that the current contractor does a good job, is very familiar with the grounds and is reliable so a good relationship already exists. There is no discount being offered if we were to give him contract for longer than a year so no need to consider this.

Proposal: To accept the quote for grass cutting from the current contractor for the next year.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

8. Proposal to accept the replacement of the projector screen from the hall maintenance reserves.

Retrospective Approval required as this has already been agreed in principle via email due to its urgent nature as was required to allow hall bookings to go ahead.

Proposal: To approve the cost of replacing the projector screen for Grange Hall using funds from Hall Maintenance Reserves.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

9. Proposal to accept quote for replacement of The Grange's 6 floodlights

It was noted that although this is a significant outlay initially there will be long term benefits because the LED lights are more economical than the existing ones plus it will resolve the issue of the lights inside The Grange being tripped by the existing ones.

Proposal: To accept the quote for replacing The Grange floodlights.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

10. Proposal to allow National Highways access to drainage channels on the Triangle

This work has already been carried out and they have not left it in a very good state. Cllr Spencer asked in return for giving this access that they look to do some work for the Parish Council including the steps at the skatepark and removal of trees to create a car park area but it is yet to be determined what will actually be done.

11. Grounds Maintenance Working Group update

The Group met on 23rd March and various proposals were made which have been included in this agenda.

12. Proposal to accept the tamper proof locks that have been added to the Floodlights at Wharf Lane and sign off the project

Comments have been received from some members of the public that they would like the floodlights left on as it helps to deter Anti-social Behaviour. The area also looks good lit up at night.

Proposal: To leave the tamper proof locks in place and the floodlights on as they are now at Wharf Lane.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

13. Proposal to agree that any items left to be used by residents at the skatepark are left in-situ

Cllr Tomlinson has had two recent meetings with the Skatepark Liaison Group which includes some older children who use the park and has made it clear that they cannot add their own ramps as it is too dangerous. They confirmed that they understood they can't leave anything on there and that if they do it will be removed by a representative of the Parish Council to ensure everyone's safety.

Proposal: That any items left to be used by residents at the Skatepark are removed.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

14. Proposal to accept the plans for new planting at Rockley Park put forward by the Grounds Maintenance Working Group

Proposal: To accept the plans for the new planting at Rockley Park put forward by the Grounds Maintenance Working Group but not the extra benches proposed.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

15. Proposal to install disabled access to the Cliff Top viewing area 1

Proposal: Seek to obtain a grant to enable the Parish Council to install disabled access to the Cliff Top Viewing Area 1.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

16. Proposal for the Conservation group to plant trees near to the Lily Ponds spending approved by Finance and GP

Retrospective approval required as this was agreed in principle at the F&GP Meeting on 8th March 2022.

Proposal: To agree that the Radcliffe Conservation Group can plant trees near to the Lily Ponds with funds required coming from Nature Reserves.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

17. Proposal to install a path to Conversation Corner in Grange grounds

Proposal: Seek to obtain a grant to enable the Parish Council to install a disabled access path to Conversation Corner.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

18. Proposal to fell damaged tree in Grange grounds quote obtained

Proposal: To accept the quote to fell the damaged tree in The Grange grounds.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

19. Discuss and agree way forward for the remaining banner board in The Grange grounds

The consensus is that the banner board should only be used to promote one off events like Radfest but not for regular bookings at the hall like Slimming World etc. There should also be a time limit of around 2 weeks unless no one else wants to use it. The Hall Manager explained that she doesn't often get enquiries from people wanting to use it. It was agreed this should be added to the agenda of the next Housekeeping Working Group meeting to resolve how it should be used.

20. Proposal to place a plaque of remembrance in The Grange grounds for the horse which led the parades

Discussed that this may set a precedent for other similar requests and that a better point of contact may be the Royal British Legion.

Proposal: Do not agree to the request to place a plaque of remembrance for the horse which led the parades in The Grange grounds.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

21. Proposal to add memorial benches to the Cemetery entrance

It is largely felt that there are already too many of these in the village although they aren't distributed evenly throughout. It may also not be safe to put these at the cemetery entrance as this where cars turn around.

Proposal: Do not accept the request to add memorial benches to the Cemetery entrance.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

22. Grange Hall update and Proposal to approve quote for replacement projector

The Hall is getting busy again although there have been a number of cancellations over the last week related to Covid but these were still charged. The sound cupboard has now been properly organised and is so much easier to use. The quote for a new projector is for information only at this stage. It was identified by Nottingham Audio Visual when they replaced the projector screen that the spec of the projector is low compared to what is now available so it might be something to consider replacing soon to improve the quality of the cinema events.

23. Proposal to reform the Housekeeping/Maintenance Working Group

This group is very important in order to stay ahead. Cllr Spencer, Cllr Rhodes, Cllr Mcleod, Cllr Tomlinson and Cllr Curtis all volunteered to be part of the group going forward.

24. Events Working Group minutes and update

The Easter Egg hunt has now been displayed around the village. It was decided to consolidate this hunt with the one that the Business Forum were originally planning so as not to confuse people so the same ones will be in the shop/business windows and the sheets to complete can be collected and returned to Chris at The Royal Oak.

It was highlighted that if people aren't happy with what is being arranged for events like the Jubilee, then they should volunteer to be on the Events Working Group and attend meetings so they can have input. Cllr Rhodes said he would like to join.

Marion Caunt from the Radcliffe on Trent Local History Society can produce boards showing historic information of the Queen's coronation and reign to make a display in The Grange grounds at a cost of £100. It was therefore agreed that the £500 Jubilee Parish Grant on offer will be used for this and bunting for the village. The Clerk will apply for the grant now as the deadline for submission of applications is Sunday 1st May and you need to specify on the application what it will be used for. The spending can then be agreed officially at the next F&GP meeting on 3rd May 2022.

25. Leisure Hub Working Group report including preliminary drawings

There has been no charge for this initial plan. The Working Group really needs to be extended to include other members of the village to get their input. If a Planning Application goes ahead to Rushcliffe Borough Council, the group may be able to get Jacki Grice involved as a Project Manager.

26. Play equipment Working Group update

The new equipment recently installed at The Grange looks great and all the equipment is being used a lot which is good to see.

27. Skate Park Liaison Group report

The latest meeting was very positive and well represented by the community including some older children giving their input. There are queries around who is maintaining it however, and a serious conversation needs to take place with Canvas to agree this.

28. Football Liaison Working Group report

There has been no meeting for some time so one needs to be arranged soon.

29. Vandalism update

There have been no other reports of vandalism other than at Rockley Park which the Parish Council is already aware of. Although not specifically vandalism, dog fouling was also raised as an issue especially on Cliff Top. Cllr Brennan confirmed that if this is reported on the Rushcliffe Borough Council website then they will send a team out to monitor the area and issue fines and warnings accordingly. There are signs up in some places but they can't be everywhere as it would be impossible to resource but they do take it seriously and respond.

30. Correspondence

Letter received from Streetwise Environmental Ltd. advising that Rushcliffe Borough Council have taken the decision to insource them back into the Council – **noted**.

The rocking horse repair at Wharf Lane playground finally took place last week but unfortunately hasn't been done to an acceptable standard therefore the Clerk has gone back to Streetwise and requested this is rectified.

31. Date of the next meeting Tuesday 31st May 2022 7pm

Meeting closed at 8.22pm

I declare that the above is a true record of the meeting.

Signed

Date

Chair

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