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Amenities Committee Meeting Tuesday 17th January 2023 at 7pm in The Grange

Present:

Cllr Oli Bere

Cllr Tracy James

Cllr Harry Curtis

Cllr Gillian Dunn

Cllr Jo Spencer

Cllr Anne McLeod

Also present: Hayley Gandy (Administrator), and 1 member of the public

Minutes

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Phil Thomas, Cllr Sue Clegg, Cllr Alice Tomlinson and Cllr Irene Dovey

Proposed by Cllr Bere Seconded by Cllr McLeod Unanimous

Approved

Absent without apologies:- Cllr Ian Rhodes and Cllr Matthew Douglas-Kirk

2. Declarations of interest – Cllr Spencer item 17

3. Chairman's announcements

Toilet works at Rockley Park completed and now open, it was questioned over staff availability to open/close these. Office to ensure toilets are available and inform Chair & Personnel if any issues. Damage to church wall and notice and history boards caused by road traffic accidents are being dealt with by the office.

Vandalism is still prevalent in the area. Note that PC Sanders is going to be coming in on Friday 20th January to discuss vandalism and underage drinking in the area.

Wharf Lane Recreation ground is beginning to look a bit tired and in need of a paint job.

Also, noted that Streetwise only filled half a black bag of rubbish for entire Wharf Lane site on Friday. Chair requests that review of bin emptying regime as it is uneconomical to continue this frequency when demand is low.

4. Amenities Budget Financial Forecast – deferred

5. Correspondence

Email received from a resident requesting a memorial bench in Rockley Memorial Park

Sally has been dealing with this and notes that the resident wishes to donate a bench to be placed on the woodland walk. Some discussion around if Rockley Park is a 'Memorial' Park or simply in 'Memorial' of Rockley. Council also is reviewing options for alternative memorials to benches. Concerns raised about if this sets a precedent, it is believed that the proposed location would not cause an impact. It was clarified that no additional memorial items should be placed on the site e.g. plants/balloons/stones and ashes must not be scattered. The park is a whole village amenity and should remain multi-functional.

Proposal to accept offer of donated bench in memory of resident**Proposed by Cllr Spencer****Seconded by Cllr Dunn****5 agreed 1 disagree****Approved**

6. **Open session for members of the public to raise matters of council business**, Limited to 15 Minutes
None.

7. **Proposal to accept the Minutes of the Extraordinary Amenities Committee Meeting held on 29.11.22**

Proposed by Cllr Bere**Seconded by Cllr Spencer****Unanimous****Approved**

8. **Office report on previous minutes**

Item 18 – Handrail fixed with new post and the water pipe – there is 2 more posts which will need looking at a later date.

Item 24 – Paint purchased - £19.10 (awaiting warmer weather to action)

Item 25 – Ordered not yet received. (One side has been donated)

Item 28 – picnic bench ordered and in the process of being installed.

Trees

A tree in cemetery has been cleared

2 branches down in Rockley Park have been dealt with

A walnut tree in Rockley to be dealt with.

A tree down by on the path down to the weir has been dealt with.

Walnut tree in the Grange for memorial of Kath Ready – tree has suffered in the wind and was unsafe and emergency works had to be done and has been felled.

9. **Vandalism Report**

A report was given to show that there have been more broken windows at the pavilion at Rockley Memorial Park and there was bolt taken from the fence at Wharf Lane play area. Hayley to report both to 101.

10. **Ground Staff Report**

John Simpson reported on their workload and future works

Since last update

- Put up temporary fence against church wall following crash
- Ongoing pruning at Rockley Park
- Repair damaged fence at Wharf Lane
- Re-instate damage to lawn and borders at Rockley Park following drainage works
- Report broken windows in pavilion at Rockley Park. Ongoing now 22 smashed windows.
- Plan for summer bedding scheme. Plant numbers and varieties – speak to nursery and agree costs.
- Continue with weekly defibs and playground inspections
- Weekly leaf blowing on cliff top footpath

Future works

- Week commencing 6th February – we will hire a chipper for 2 weeks, to reduce the brash pile at Rockley Park. This will be significantly cheaper than paying a contractor to deal with the problem. To maximise the chipper hire we will work 2 weeks solid and carry lieu hours forward to be used next winter.
- Install new information board at Bingham Road Triangle
- Install new picnic table at Wharf Lane
- Re-attach information board to the wall in Rockley pavilion due to vandalism
- Sensory planting at Rockley Park
- Herbaceous planting at the grange

Chair sends thanks to John for the report. Conscious staff time needs to be made as efficient as possible and tasks limited to core role of grounds maintenance.

Cllr Spencer requests that a new alternative to blowing the leaves on Cliff top be suggested.

Chair requests for next meeting there be an inventory of equipment provided for sale or repurposing.

11. Agree a way forward for the ‘Jubilee Cops’ trees and the middle bed at Rockley Park

Councillors noted that they were not aware of what the Jubilee copse was and request Ground staff give their recommendations.

Cllr McLeod commented that the middle bed is looking full and well, it should remain as such.

Proposal to leave middle bed as it is.

Proposed by Cllr Bere Seconded by Cllr McLeod Unanimous

Approved

12. Update from the Conservation group

Standing Orders suspended at 7.30pm

Phil Taylor from Conservation group updated the committee.

- Leaf blowing – alternative of raking the leaves will be more time consuming.
- A couple of dozen of trees have arrived for planting for between the lily ponds and will be done in the next couple of weeks
- Benches for the lily ponds – Chair request that he liaise with the office
- Brush cutter – there have been delays with delivery. There is £750 grant money to be claimed. Phil Taylor has emailed Paul Philips at Rushcliffe Borough Council regarding what they need in order to send over the grant monies.

13. Agree a process for water safety equipment checking at the Lilly Ponds

Standing orders resumed at 19.40

Chair stated that contact had be made to the Canal and River trust to determine what should be done about the life safety equipment at the Lily ponds however, no reply had been received.

Cllr Dunn requests more investigation be made into whose responsibility they are to keep in order and what health and safety implications there may be as well as regards the insurance. Cllr Spencer requests that a poster or stencil be placed on the equipment in order to let the council know if there is any missing equipment.

Proposal to make further investigations and to place a poster or stencil on to equipment who to report any missing equipment

Proposed by Cllr Dunn

Seconded by Cllr Bere

Unanimous

Approved

14. Agree a way forward for replacing Rockley Park Pavilion glass

Chair informed the committee that to replace broken windows with glass it was £707 plus for the others now broken. Chair requests the office to obtain a price for Perspex windows or any alternatives.

15. Proposal to approve new agreement with Football Club for payment for pitch rent

Chair informed the committee that there was a dispute relating to the football club paying pitch fees when they are maintaining the pitch. There is no official agreement for this arrangement following internal investigation. Cllr Spencer states that the Parish has paid towards the maintenance in the past also. There is a pitch rent of £300.

Proposed to waive the £300 pitch rent for 2022/2023 and 2023/2024

Proposed by Cllr Dunn

Seconded by Cllr McLeod

Unanimous

Approved

16. Proposal to review the condition of the current Wharf Lane Pavilion

The council accepts the pavilion needs replacing as it is not fit for purpose. There is limited benefit seen to a condition report, at a cost, to only confirm what is known.

Proposal not to review the condition of the current Wharf Lane Pavillion

Proposed by Cllr Spencer

Seconded by Cllr Bere

5 agree 1 abstain

Approved

17. Proposal to agree Radfest use of Wharf Lane Recreation Ground on 17th June 2023

Proposed by Cllr McLeod

Seconded by Cllr Dunn

Unanimous

Approved

Committee asks that the Parish Council ask its insurance company about insuring the Radfest event and passing the cost on to them, due to difficulties with insurance for them with the Skate Park in situ.

18. Proposal to agree a comment for the RBC Playing Pitch strategy review

Cllr Spencer to speak with Amy Elworthy. Deferred until 14th February 2023

19. Note NCC Highways advice for the installation of better carparking facilities at the top of Wharf Lane recreation ground

Deferred

20. Working party updates and Cllr reports

Cllr McLeod updated the committee that there have been no takers for Warm Spaces at present. She will be going to Craig Moray next week where they hope to have more takers. It may mean that the grant requested may not be required.

Cllr Dunn requests that a cemetery pricing group needs to be set up.

Cllr Spencer states that Radpanto would like to donate an exterior table tennis table to the Grange grounds. – this is to be discussed at the next meeting on 14th February.

21. Date of the next meeting Tuesday 14th February 2023 at 7pm

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

Signed

Date

Chair

Amenities Committee