

**Minutes of the meeting of the Playing fields, Allotments and Amenities Committee held on  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7pm Via Zoom**

Meetings are being held under The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 for the purpose of transacting the following business.

**Present:** Cllr D King– Chair of the Committee  
Cllr U Franklin  
Cllr S Gurney  
Cllr M Fulcher  
N Carver – Clerk  
1 member of the public

The Chairman welcomed members of the committee and members of the public the meeting was opened at 7pm.

**1. Apologies and acceptance for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Avenell these were accepted.

**2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

Cllr Gurney declared interest in Agenda item 5, Community Apiary.

**3. To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Minutes had been circulated from the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021, Cllr King proposed to accept the minutes

It was

**RESOLVED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES**

**4. Public Participation**

It was proposed by Cllr King to suspend standing orders to allow Kieron Haines member of public to join in with agenda item 5, seconded by Cllr Fulcher. It was

**RESOLVE APPROVE**

**5. Community Apiary**

a) The Terms of Reference for Community apiary and orchard working group were agreed at the April meeting of full council. We have had correspondence for 6 residents so far showing an interest in the project, an advertisement is currently in the Just Hellesdon closing date 30<sup>th</sup> April. A meeting of the working group will be arranged for mid to late May.

b) The Allotment committee met onsite on 19<sup>th</sup> May along with Mr. Haines to discuss a suitable location for the apiary. 2 sites were looked at, the Clerk reported that she had contacted the adjoining allotment holders for the first choice and though they were in favor of the project, they did not wish for it to be situated next to their plots. The second site where the plot will be allocated is allotment plots 88/89.

Plot 88 will be fenced in. Plot 87 will be sown with wildflowers as agreed by Head Groundsman. Cllr King proposed the acceptance of the site allocation, seconded by Cllr Fulcher. It was

**RESOLVED TO ACCEPT BY ALL**

c) The purchase of equipment for the community apiary to be agended on the first meeting of the working group.

**6. Allotment**

a) The water leak at Bush Road Allotments site will continue to be monitored.

b) Correspondence was received from HAHA requesting permission to hold our annual BBQ / Scarecrow competition on the Hellesdon Allotments, on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> of June this year, in aid of the East Anglian Air Ambulance. It was

**AGREED THEY COULD HOLD THE EVENT PENDING GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE**

**7. Playground Updates**

a) The new equipment on Meadow Way Playarea has been installed and well received.

b) Recent anti-social behavior has taken place on Mountfield Park, the police have been onsite, the gates will now be locked at dusk along with all other parks.

c) The old under 7 playground is currently not being used, a discussion was had with regards to utilizing the area on a temporary basis and for a trial period, for the older children to use as a hang out area.

This was following recent verbal complaints and posts on social media relating to anti-social behavior of the older children using the joint playground. The local policing team agreed that this may help alleviate some of the behavior seen. It was suggested that the children are consulted on what items they would like to see on the park. Cllr King proposed and seconded by Cllr Gurney that the area is made usable for the older children on a trial basis, and a consultation with them is carried out over the type of equipment and facilities they would like to see. It was

**RESOLVED TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL**

**8. Recreational Ground Sports Hire**

a) The hire of the recreation field over summer period cannot be confirmed until conformation on the Community Centre roof start dates is received, it can only be agreed in principle and full risk assessment is carried out.

**9. Exchange of Information**

Cllr Fulcher spoke with regards to a Friends of Mountfield Park group could be looked at as an idea following the recent anti social behavior. It was suggested the clerk speak with Bex Cross the local tree warden and bring the item to a future agenda.

**10. To confirm the date, time and venue of the next meeting**

The clerk to confirm the next date and time of committee meeting.

**MEETING CLOSED AT 20:35**