

**Minutes of the meeting of the
Playing fields, Allotments and Amenities Committee
held on Thursday 25th November 2021 at 7pm**

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 K Avenell Vice Chair of the Committee
Cllr S Gurney
Cllr L Douglass
Cllr U Franklin

Also in Attendance:

N Carver – Clerk

The Vice Chairman welcomed members of the committee.

1. Apologies and acceptance for absence

There were apologies received from Cllr King these were ACCEPTED.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

No further dispensations or declarations were made.

3. To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting 12th October 2021

The Minutes had been circulated from the meeting of 12th October 2021. It was
RESOLVED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES

4. Public Participation

No members of the public present.

5. Allotments

The chairman of HAHA had consulted with the committee and had reviewed the plans for incinerators on the allotment for set days of use. HAHA have requested a change of layout which would allow more smaller incinerators shared between 4 plots. This would ensure a shorter burning time. The Clerk had discussed this with the Head Groundsman prior to the committee meeting and was in favor of the revised plans. A discussion was had by the committee, it was decided that they would not accept the proposal of 14 bins situated on the plot as they feel it is not contained as directed. The Clerk to email HAHA with a response.

6. Mountfield Park

- a) Broadland Tree Wardens have agreed to fund two established Oak trees to be planted at the entrance of Mountfield Park as part of the Queens Canopy for the Platinum, Jubilee this would include a plaque. The committee **NOTED** the above.
- b) Quotations along with pictures of the existing gates and entrance for Mountfield Park were circulated to the members present at the meeting. The Clerk asked for the committee to consider replacement entrance gates, these would be in keeping with those at the Community Centre and would enhance the entrance to the park. A discussion was had and it was felt by some of the committee that the current projects should be completed, it was agreed to defer the item for 6 Months.
- c) A proposal was put forward to place footway lighting along the main path of the park, the police had suggested that the lighting was reinstated as this would act as a deterrent. A discussion was had and the committee agreed that they would prefer to go forward with the solar lighting, however it was agreed to defer the item for 6 Months to be part of a whole project.

7. To Consider additional trees for the Parish from NCC

Cllr Gurney updated the council of verge planting following a meeting with the Highways Officer. It was noted that there was a number of trees in the verges that had been planted without permission and were now effecting utilities. Letters were being sent out for Norfolk County Council to ask for them to be removed. Norfolk County Council will be continuing with their proposal to plant a million trees across the County, and this can be applied for at a later date.

Cllr Gurney spoke with regards to both the High School and The Hospital Trust who have planned planting in place for the Parish. Cllr Gurney asked that the Clerk contact the Trust to ask if they would like to consider trees from the County Council.

It was discussed that the new Clerk would take this forward for the Council.

8. Exchange of Information

Cllr Gurney gave an update to the committee on Highways matters that were raised following a visit around Hellesdon with the Highways Officer.

Cllr Gurney gave an update on the apiary, whilst the bees are in hibernation a path will be put in after Christmas this will allow better access in the area, along with a water area and a planted bedded area for them to feed off.

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

Next meeting will be held in the New Year.

MEETING CLOSED AT 08:09pm