

## Amenities and Open Spaces Committee

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at The Town Hall, Market Deeping. Cllr Broughton (Chairman) presided over Cllr Brookes, Cllr Miss Collins and Cllr Hanson. The Park keeper, Deputy Park keeper, and the clerk were also in attendance.

### 11. Chairman's Welcome

Cllr Broughton welcomed the members to the meeting

### 12. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Shelton and Mrs Sked.

### 13. Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011

There were no declarations of interest

### 14. Minutes of a meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Cllr Broughton asked the committee if they were to accept the minutes of the meeting dated Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019. It was proposed by Cllr Miss Collins, seconded by Cllr Hanson and **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes could be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were signed accordingly.

### 15. Clerk's Report

The Clerk had issued members with a report prior to the meeting:

1. The recent ROSPA inspections for the BMX track and the play area resulted in one high risk item regarding damage to the BMX surface and this has been addressed. There were some more minor issues that the park keepers are working through.
2. One of the above items was regarding insecure chains on children's play equipment and the clerk has authorised expenditure of £248 to replace the chain links for Health and Safety purposes.
3. The park keepers have been booked onto LANTRA training for Chainsaw maintenance and cross cutting at the end of October to ensure their Health and Safety qualifications are up to date.
4. The John Eve field was left in a very poor condition on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July after the schools had broken up. There was broken glass around the play equipment and excessive litter.
5. NCS used the John Eve field for fund raising purposes on 12<sup>th</sup> August.

### 16. Correspondence to be noted and resolved upon

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No.	Received from	Date Received	Subject	Committee Response
1	Deepings Lions	26/07/2019	Request to use John Eve field for Carnival	Agreed
2	SKDC	01/08/2019	Tree survey on Open Spaces	Noted
3	Paddock volunteer	08/08/2019	Update on work in the paddock	The efforts of the volunteers were noted and appreciated.
4	Amberol Ltd	12/09/2019	Wording on planter	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to spend an additional £68.50 on wording stating the council name to be printed on the planter

5	Resident	14/09/2019	Dog poo bin	The resident may put the waste in the SKDC bins and can report offensive behaviour to 101.
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**17. Update on work and Presentation by the Park Keepers**

The Park keeper informed the committee that repairs to the BMX track had been completed following the ROSPA report. The strimming had also been completed and the grass cutting was up to date. He informed members of some raised areas in the rubber matting in the children’s play area which were causing a trip hazard. Quotes have therefore been requested to repair the play area surface.

**18. Omega reports: Review of performance to date, budget/expenditure/income**

The Clerk had provided an Omega report to members prior to the meeting. Cllr Broughton asked if there were any questions on the reports but there were none.

**19. Precept planning for 2020/21**

Members discussed requirements for the coming year, and the clerk noted adjustments that would be fed into the precept request calculations. This included an allowance of £500 for the hanging baskets that had previously been under the remit of the Town Hall and Cemetery committee.

**20. Update on the allotment purchase**

The clerk explained that there was a further delay due to Persimmon wishing to offer the allotment land to SKDC under the terms of a S106 agreement prior to it being transferred to the council. The clerk and deputy clerk had searched the online documentation from SKDC and found no reference to the allotment land under the S106 agreements for Persimmon and legal teams are pursuing this.

**21. Update on the electricity box on the John Eve Field**

The clerk advised members of the quotations that had been received to include provision for a surge protection device. It was then **RESOLVED** to proceed with the quotation from Ian Stygall.

**22. For members to consider the purchase of a wider cutting attachment for the tractor in place of the approved flail arm purchase**

Cllr Broughton explained that the reconditioned equipment had been tested by the park keepers and found to be a great improvement due to the 50% reduction in time taken to cut the field, the ability of the attachment to mulch cuttings, and its ability to negotiate uneven surfaces and obstacles. As it is a reconditioned item a decision was required quickly to ensure the equipment would not be sold to another purchaser. The cost was considerably less than the side flail arm cutter already approved by Full Council. It was proposed by Cllr Broughton, seconded by Cllr Hanson and **RESOLVED** with one abstention to purchase the cutting attachment.

**23. For members to consider the placement of a memorial bench**

The clerk had received correspondence requesting a bench to be sited on council land in memory of a now deceased ex resident of Market Deeping. Details of the proposed bench were passed to members to view. It was then **RESOLVED** unanimously to accept the offer of the bench and Cllr Broughton will liaise with the correspondents in order to site the bench.

There being no other business the Chairman thanked all for attending and the meeting was closed at 7.26pm.

The next scheduled meeting of the Amenities and Open Spaces Committee will take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at the Town Hall, Market Deeping.

**Chairman’s signature.....**

**Date.....**