

### Amenities and Open Spaces Committee

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at the Town Hall, Market Deeping. Cllr Broughton, (Chairman) presided over Cllr Brookes, Cllr Miss Collins, Cllr Mrs Sked, Cllr Hanson and Cllr Shelton. Cllr Mrs Redshaw, the Park Keeper, Deputy Park keeper and the Clerk were also in attendance.

**66. Chairman’s Welcome**

Cllr Broughton welcomed the members to the meeting

**67. Apologies for absence**

None received.

**68. Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011**

There were no declarations of interest

**69. Minutes of a meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Cllr Broughton asked the committee if they were to accept the minutes of the meeting dated Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019. It was proposed by Cllr Shelton, 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.

**70. Clerks Report**

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

The clerk has arranged with OPUS energy for the electricity meter to be fitted on 17<sup>th</sup> April. An electrician can then be hired to install the 8 sockets required.

Ian Taylor has visited and arranged access to the field for Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April and has paid his fee.

**71. Correspondence to be noted and resolved upon**

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No.	Received from	Date Received	Subject	Committee Response
1	Woodland Trust	30/01/2019	Free trees	Cllrs agreed to consider this at the next meeting
2	Resident	26/02/2019	Request for fence round the Charter Avenue playpark	As the council don’t yet own this land it was agreed that the resident should be referred to Persimmon.
3	Newborough YFC	15/03/2019	Request to use John Eve field	Agreed
4	Richard Gray	21/03/2019	Request to use John Eve field	Cllrs agreed to the request providing the attendees kept to the middle of the field and did not use the public highway or the area beside the trees
5	Pinder’s circus	22/03/2019	Request to use John Eve field	Agreed, as long as the condition of the field allows

6	Walk Happy	27/03/2019	Banner application	Agreed
7	Deeping Sports and social club	10/04/2019	Banner application x 2	Agreed
8	Sue Ryder	05/04/2019	Banner application	Agreed

**72. Update on work and Presentation by the Park Keepers**

The Park keeper informed the committee that the work in the open spaces was all up to date. The park keepers had mowed an area on the Persimmon estate that does not yet belong to the council in order to keep it under control for when the council takes the area on. There is some stinging left to do but otherwise all tasks are completed.

**73. 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.

**74. For members to consider a request to use the John Eve Field for a motor show**

Cllr Broughton advised the committee that the request has now been withdrawn.

**75. For members to consider the response for Full Council regarding transfer of the Rectory Paddock to the Cemetery committee**

Members discussed this issue at length. It was acknowledged that all councillors wished to keep the area as an open space, but there was concern that in future years the land could be allocated for burial space. The structure of committees was raised and it was eventually **RESOLVED** to defer any decisions to the new council following the May elections.

**76. For members to consider and vote on the purchase of a Fingerbar head for the tractor**

The park keeper advised members that he and the deputy park keeper had been slipping on the BMX track as they were cutting it manually. The Fingerbar head attachment is expensive at £8,400 but it would allow the track to be mowed safely and more quickly. It could also be used for ditches and dykes and for the additional areas being taken on. The majority of the funding could come from the unused BMX budget for 2018/19. It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that the attachment could be purchased subject to three quotes being provided in view of the expense.

**77. For members to consider and vote on the purchase of a Leaf Plier**

The cost of this item to help clear fallen leaves is £60 and it was **RESOLVED** unanimously that the purchase be allowed.

**78. For members to consider and vote on the siting of a trough of flowers by the seat outside the Rectory Paddock**

Cllr Mrs Redshaw asked members to consider this to enhance the area outside the Paddock. It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that a trough should be purchased and planted.

**79. For members to discuss security of the John Eve field and whether any action needs to be taken**

Cllr Mrs Sked raised the concern that travellers may access the John Eve field via the cemetery drive. Cllr Broughton and the park keepers assured members that there was insufficient space for access to be gained. The park keepers then raised the concern of antisocial behaviour in the cemetery and on the field. They provided details of a vehicle that had repeatedly been driven illegally through the spinney and the clerk was asked to report this to 101.

There being no other business the Chairman thanked all for attending and the meeting was closed at 7.34pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7pm at the Town Hall, Market Deeping.

**Chairman's signature.....**

**Date.....**