

**Draft**

**Market Deeping Town Council - Amenities and Open Spaces Committee**

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 13 July 2022 at 6.45 at the John Eve Field, Market Deeping. Cllr Broughton presided over Cllr Lester and Cllr Shelton. The Clerk was also in attendance.

**15. Chairman's Welcome**

Cllr Broughton welcomed members to the meeting at 6.45pm.

**16. Apologies for absence**

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Mrs Redshaw and Cllr Miss Collins.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

**18. Minutes of a meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to accept the minutes of the meeting as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The Chairman signed the minutes.

**19. Clerk's Report and update on work of parkkeepers**

Members had received a copy of the report prior to the meeting.

**Clerk's and Park keeper's report 13 July 2022**

**John Eve field**

- The Glebe field was used for a car boot sale on Sunday 12 June.
- The remedial work on the BMX track will be carried out shortly and was postponed due to expected extreme weather.
- The remote-control grass cutter is significantly reducing the time taken to cut the grass around the BMX track particularly. It took 1 hour 40 minutes and this can sometimes take as long as a week.
- The vandal proof basketball net has arrived and will be erected shortly
- There has been significant damage to the playground flooring which will require professional attention (photos forwarded and added as Agenda item)

**Town centre**

- The planters and hanging baskets in the Town Centre are looking beautiful

**Clerk's report**

- **Trainee Park keeper.**

An advert will shortly be placed for a trainee in the Advertiser and Job Centre. It is hoped that an enthusiastic school leaver will apply for the post.

- **Public toilets**

A visit to Bourne highlighted that Changing Places Funding may be available from SKDC. The Clerks will carry out research in to this to see if it is available.

The toilets have had a deep clean. The first was less than satisfactory but the contractors returned and this has now been rectified.

A request was made to SKDC for costings to maintain the toilets. The following response has been received:

47	Market Deeping Toilets	EXP	A101	National Insurance	
447		EXP	A102	Pensions	
447		EXP	A103	Overtime	
447		EXP	B100	Premises Maintenance	500
447		EXP	B105	Water Testing	500
447		EXP	B450	Electricity	1,100
447		EXP	B551	Business Rates	2,300
447		EXP	B701	Cleaning Materials	0
447		EXP	E102	Cleaning Services	7,200

As regards insurance, the toilet sits within a nine-figure block policy, so trying to break down the rate applied to a small block of toilets is very difficult. I assume that you would be looking to add these to your own policy. From my experience in such matters, I suspect that you would not go too far wrong budgeting for something in the region of £400-500 per annum would be about the right ball park.

With regards to any repairs needed to the building, based on other recent cases of Asset Transfers, I think the expectation would be that unless there is something really major, which I do not think to be the case, we would be looking for you to cover these through the Precept. I would however be happy to come and have a look to discuss further.

It was **RESOLVED** to highlight the issue of the faulty shutter door to SKDC and make an offer to pay to have this replaced if SKDC will keep the toilets open for 5 years.

## 20. Correspondence to be noted and resolved upon

Correspondence – Amenities & Open Spaces – 13 July 2022				
No.	Received from	Date Received	Subject	Committee Response
1	Deepings raft race	18.5.22	Request to use:  Toilets  Electric point in Town Centre	The Town Toilets - <b>OK</b> The electric point in the Town centre - <b>OK</b>

			Glebe field for parking Use of Riverside Park	Use of The Boundary Green/Riverside Park - <b>OK</b> Use of Glebe Field for parking - <b>subject to the conditions on the field at the time. Please ensure that you have Marshalls supervising the gates.</b>
2.	Lincs Wildlife Trust	25.5.22	Banner request – John Eve railings	Agreed by Clerks
3.	A resident	1.5.22	Trees on Riverside Park. Advise re watering and turf around base	Thanked for advice – acted on by Park Keepers.
4.	Rospa play	13.6.22	Play equipment being inspected in August	Noted
5.	A resident	14.6.22	Too much dust from building site. Reported to SKDC.	Noted
6.	A resident	22.6.22	Poisonous weeds reported to New Riverside retails. This has now been actioned by their landscapers.	Noted
7.	Deeping Raft Race Committee	22.06.22	Request for banner on John Eve railings 18/19th July to 8/9th August 2022	Approved by Clerks
8.	Roy Stephenson	30.6.22	Pictures of orchids in Paddock	Thanked by Clerk
9.	Sue Ryder	7.7.22	Sing for life banner	Approved by Clerks

**Correspondence to be Acted Upon – Received up to 13 July 2022**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Received from</b>	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Committee Response</b>
1.	Pinder's Circus	27.5.22	Request to attend Arrive Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2023. Open Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March to Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> April.  Could not attend this year due to Ukrainian crisis	Accepted subject to the weather and the field being in a suitable condition at the time.

2.	Arboriculturist	10.6.22	Quote to reduce tree overhanging The Orchard	Quote accepted. Clerk to inform Agent
3.	Tallington Council	1.7.22	Free trees (30 requested). We need to choose species and state where they are to be planted.	Write to Councillor and say no longer required

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

The Clerk had provided members with a report prior to the meeting. Cllr Broughton asked members if there were any comments on the Omega report, and there were none.

**22. For members to consider the Christmas Light tender process for 2023 and future years**

A lengthy discussion took place regarding where lights should be situated in Market Deeping. Due to lamppost issues and access to electricity it was **RESOLVED** that they should cover the area and lamp posts already identified. The Clerks are to obtain quotes.

**23. For members to consider applying for Green Flag status for John Eve Park**

The Clerk had issued members with information on the requirements for Green Flag status which are considerable. It was **RESOLVED** that John Eve Park would not be suitable to be considered for Green Flag status.

**24. For members to consider the purchase of Cherry Tree Park**

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Broughton would pursue this with SKDC.

**25. For members to consider repairs to the playground flooring**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerks would obtain quotes for the repair work and that the equipment should be taken out of use in the meantime.

**26. For members to consider the purchase of the public toilets**

A discussion took place regarding the cost of Market Deeping Town Council taking on the toilets which would be approximately £12,500 p.a. It was **RESOLVED** that the public toilets would be accepted as an alternative to their closure.

**27. For members to consider and discuss any points raised in the Open Session**

There were none.

**28. To consider items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting of Amenities and Open spaces committee, to be held at Town Hall Chambers on Wednesday 14 September 2022 at 7:00pm.**

There being no other business, Cllr Broughton thanked everybody for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7.10 pm.

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

**Date.....**