

ENDERBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Recreation & Amenities Committee held on 23rd February 2022, Held at the Civic Centre, King Street, Enderby

Present: **Cllr. J. Jones (Chairman),**
Councillors: Mrs. P. Beeson, Mrs. E. Bryan, T. Green, A. Romankiw, F. O'Rorke, W. Hetherington, C. Tomlinson.

The Clerk to the Council, Ms. S. Hansford, Mrs. S. Stearn, Deputy Clerk and Mrs. M. Skists, Administrator and 2 parishioners were also present.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Recreation & Amenities Committee, Cllr. J. Jones took the Chair.

RA/56/21 Attendance & Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. S. Conway, R. F. Geisler, N. Grundy, J. O'Sullivan, Mrs. C. Adcock, R. W. Hunt, Mrs. V. Ellis, P. McNeil.

RA/57/21 Minutes of the last meeting held on 24th November 2021

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the last meeting held 24th November 2021, be approved and signed as a correct record.

RA/58/21 Declarations of Interest by Members

None.

RA/59/21 To Receive and Approve Requests for Dispensations from Members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

None.

RA/60/21 To Consider Proposed Draft of the 22nd Edition of the Enderby Connection Newsletter for Publication

Members were in receipt of the draft of the 22nd Edition of the Enderby Connection Newsletter.

RESOLVED: That the 22nd Edition of the Enderby Connection Newsletter be published without further amendment.

RA/61/21 To Receive Maintenance Report in respect the Council's Facilities

a) St Johns Community Centre

i) Paving reinstated of rear of building

The paving slabs which were believed to be used to create the new access to the side of St. Johns Community Centre have been reinstated at the rear of the property.

RESOLVED: That this item be noted.

A Parishioner joined the meeting at 7:35pm.

ii) Repointing of eaves

The eaves of St. Johns Community Centre need repointing. It is understood from the Caretaker that the ladders needed to reach the roofline do not fit on the Council's vehicle. A solution could be to buy roof bars for the Council's vehicle or alternatively seek an outside contractor to complete this work.

Members discussed the use of a scaffold tower, owned by the Council, which will collapse to be able to be transported in the van. However, it would take 2 Caretakers/Groundsmen to carry out this work so this would not be scheduled to be completed until normal staffing levels are resumed.

RESOLVED: That once caretaking staffing levels return to full capacity repointing of the eaves be completed using the Council's scaffolding tower.

iii) Repair of window blinds

A number of blinds at St. Johns Community Centre require replacement parts. These may be obtained from Dunelm where the blinds were originally purchased however, due to cost it may be simpler to buy new blinds which originally cost the Council £10 each.

It was agreed by Members that it would cost more money and time to replace the parts of each blind needing repair than to purchase new ones.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to purchase the required number of blinds needed to replace all faulty blinds at St Johns Community Centre.

b) Enderby Civic Centre

i) Faulty PIR in Gents public toilet

The PIR in Gents public toilet is not functioning properly as the light remains on for a considerable length of time after initial use. The Caretaker has looked at this, and although once the power is cut it resets, there does appear to be a continuous fault.

Members proposed that 3 quotes be sought for the replacement of the PIR by a qualified electrician, should the quotations prove to be too expensive then the light could be left on.

RESOLVED: That 3 Quotations be sought for a qualified electrician to replace the PIR in the Gents Public Toilet at the Civic Centre.

ii) Redecoration of damaged walls in Large Hall

There is some damage to the walls of the Large Hall and whilst these may be touched up, it is asked whether the Council wishes for the hooks to remain in the walls of the Large Hall which were used to display artwork, or whether the walls should be returned to their original state.

It was agreed by Members that the hooks should remain in place as the Library is looking to organise a future art exhibition.

RESOLVED: That the Civic Centre Large Hall walls be touched up; the picture hooks remain in place for future use.

iii) Re-roofing

In order to establish the funds required to re-roof the Civic Centre it is suggested that the Council seeks an estimate.

RESOLVED: That an estimate be sought to give the Parish Council an idea of the costs involved to re-roof the Civic Centre.

RA/62/21 To Consider Open Spaces/Children's Play Areas: -

a) Clarence Recreational Ground: Gated Access onto Clarence Recreation Ground from Residents Property Boarding the Northern Boundary (Clarence Road)

There is a gated access onto Clarence Recreational Ground from a resident's property bordering the Northern boundary of Clarence Road. Members' view on this is required.

The Clerk confirmed that Blaby District Council confirmed there are no formal rights from the house to the Clarence Recreation Ground. If there were to be wear and tear and a member of the public fell then the Parish Council would be liable.

The Clerk confirmed when the Parish Council took over Clarence Recreation Ground that photos were taken and unfortunately it is not clear on these photos if the gated access was there before.

Members agreed if this gated access were allowed, it would set a precedent for other property owners to do the same.

The Landowner would need to demonstrate that they have permission to put a gated access onto Clarence Recreational Ground from their property or that the gate has been there for over 25 years.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the resident of 25 Clarence Road to seek written proof demonstrating permission has been granted for a gated access from the property onto Clarence Recreational Ground.

b) Aldeby Recreation Ground: Gaps in Tiled Safer Surfacing

There are a number of larger gaps in the tiled surfacing at Aldeby Recreational Ground and although these can be filled with sharp sand as a temporary measure, it may be more appropriate to consider filling these with wetpour repair kits. However, there are associated costs. The area is leased from Blaby District Council and an alternative solution may be to apply for S.106 funding to upgrade the surface to wetpour safer surfacing.

Discussions were had by Members that the wetpour is expensive and there is no money in the budget for the Financial Year 2022/23 for this work to be carried out. It is cheaper for these gaps to be filled by sharp sand as a temporary measure and quotes could be sought to allow this to be included in the budget for 2023/24.

It was agreed that no S.106 funding should be sought as these funds are required for the New Cemetery Extension, should this go ahead.

RESOLVED: That (1) gaps in the tiled surface be filled with sharp sand as a temporary measure. (2) A quotation be sought to upgrade tiled surfaces to wetpour safer surfacing and this be put forward to the 2023/24 budget.

c) Southey Recreational Ground: Confirm Reinstatement of Cantilever Swing

The Cantilever Swing at Southey Recreational Ground has been reinstated. Cllr. Grundy was kind enough to assist the Caretaker 2nd February 2022.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. N. Grundy for assisting the Caretaker to reinstate the Cantilever Swing.

RESOLVED: That this item be noted.

d) Old Church Road: Replacement of Length of Knee Rail Fencing

Although the majority of the low level knee rail fencing was repaired/reinstated where removed. There remains evidence of damage to one length of timber.

RESOLVED: That a length of timber be purchased to make the further repair to the damaged Knee Rail Fence.

RA/63/21 To Consider Enderby New Cemetery: -

a) Repair Large Cracks in Cemetery Footpaths

There are larger cracks in the New Cemetery Footpaths. Blaby District Council has confirmed that it will chemically treat the pathways in the Closed Cemetery, however, the large crack evident in the New Cemetery does require attention and it is recommended that quotations be sought as it is evident the original repair made has failed.

RESOLVED: That 3 Quotations be sought for the repair of the large cracks in the Enderby New Cemetery Footpath.

b) Scattering Area Sign

It has been noticed that the Scattering Area has been used, however there is no formal record of this. It is therefore suggested that a sign be placed at the entrance of the Scattering Area directing the public to contact the Parish Council to discuss scattering remains. The Scattering Policy requires some revision if the remains of Non-parishioners are prohibited from being scattered in this area. A copy of the Scattering Policy had been circulated to Members.

Members agreed that Non-parishioners will be permitted full use of the Scattering Area. A celebratory sign is to be displayed at the entrance to the Scattering Area stating: -

'In order to ensure historical records are kept of ashes scattered please contact Enderby Parish Council on 0116 2753711' and that **'Registration fees will apply'**.

RESOLVED: That (1) a celebratory sign be displayed in the Scattering Area stating: **'In order to ensure historical records are kept of ashes scattered please contact the Enderby Parish Council on 0116 2753711'** and that **'Registration fees will apply'**.

(2) No change to be made to the Scattering Policy.

RA/64/21 To Receive Updates in Respect of Asset Transfers (If Any)

a) Southey Recreational Ground

No further update had been received from Blaby District Council in respect of the Parish Council's letter dated 14th December 2021, expressing the Parish Council's interest in Southey Recreational Ground as a Community Asset.

It was proposed that the Clerk contact the Strategic Director, Blaby District Council, to follow this matter up.

Cllr T. Green asked that when Blaby District Council has responded Members would then decide what course of action Enderby Parish Council may take and as such this would then need to be placed on a future Agenda.

It was discussed whether this item should remain on future Agendae even if there are no updates.

It was confirmed by the Clerk that if an item is not placed on the Agenda there is no further update. Residents may however contact the Clerk should they require any further information.

It was agreed by Members that only if the Clerk receives updates will an item be placed onto the Agenda under Asset Transfers.

RESOLVED: That **(1)** the Clerk to write to the Strategic Director, Blaby District Council, for an update in respect of Enderby Parish Council's letter dated 14th December 2021. **(2)** Updates relating to Southey Recreational Ground only be placed on future Agendae when a formal response is received from Blaby District Council. Any updates in the meantime may be received under the Agenda Item 'Asset Transfers'.

RA/65/21 To Receive Correspondence

None.

RA/66/21 Correspondence Received After Issue of Agenda (For Information Only)

A revised poster had been submitted to the Clerk from the Wimpey Action Group (WAG) along with the request for this to be displayed on Enderby Parish Council Noticeboards. .

The Clerk confirmed she would check the content prior to permitting the poster to be published as this is noted to contain revised wording to the original posters permitted to be displayed by the Council. The original posters stated 'Save Wimpey Park' and the revised poster states 'Protect Our Park' and as such it is important that the Parish Council fully supports the new message of the Wimpey Action Group. Fliers were also submitted which relate to a proposal by the Wimpey Action Group for a 'Deed of Dedication' to be made in respect of Southey Recreational Ground.

The Clerk advised Members she had, as admin of the Parish Council's Facebook Page, tried to befriend the Wimpey Action Group Facebook Page and was awaiting its response.

MEETING CLOSED: 8:02PM

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CHAIRMAN
27th April 2021