

A meeting of the Amenities & Services Committee was held in the Pavilion, Manor Park Sports Club, Hackthorn Road, Welton on Monday 23rd January 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs R Lobley (Chairman), Mrs S Watson, M Powell and D Pikett

Clerk: Mrs J Murray

A public participation session took place prior to the official start of the meeting.

23/1/27 Chairman's remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

23/1/28 Apologies

On a proposal from Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Mrs Watson, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote that apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Fletcher, Lowen, Mrs Grimble and Greenway having considered their reasons for absence. Cllr Hornsey was absent with no apologies given.

23/1/29 Declarations of Interest

None

23/1/30 Minutes

On a proposal from Cllr Mrs Watson, seconded by Cllr Lobley, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote that the notes of the meeting held on 31st October 2022 be approved and signed as the minutes.

23/1/31 Clerk's Report

The Clerk had nothing to report on this occasion.

23/1/32 Finance Matters

Members received a financial report to 31.12.22.

23/1/33 Trees/Planting/Grass cutting

Cllr Powell had nothing to report on this occasion. He will inspect the work carried out to trees around the village when it has been completed.

23/1/34 Footpaths

Cllr Mrs Watson report that in general she had seen very little litter and dog fouling on the two days she had spent walking the footpaths and gave the following report:

Footpath 54 (Mill Lane to Eastfield Lane) – A well-used path. I saw a dog walker, with her dog on a lead, but permitting it to stray off the path into the crop, I have seen a sign in a field when I was on holiday saying words to the effect “this field grows your food”, I believe it was an NFU sign. Could we please purchase 2 for each end of the footpath to encourage dog walkers to keep them on the path? (The Clerk will make enquiries). This is not the first time I have observed this behaviour on this path. Lindum Homes have started building.

Footpath 169 (Sudbeck Lane to Ryland Road, crossing Beckhall to Honeyholes Lane, Dunholme) – It is in an acceptable condition.

Footpath 173 (Lincoln Road to Church Lane through the Churchyard) – Some leaves and twigs on the flagstones due to the recent winds; as they are a hazard they could do with a sweep. Unusually, a small amount of litter was around the wooden seat by the entrance to the church. Could the litter collector check occasionally? Cllr Powell will report to the church.

Footpath 174 (Tinkermere Close – Ryland Road) – Very narrow in places due to an ivy ‘hedge’ which needs trimming back – contact the householder on Ryland Road. At the end there is a conifer which needs a slight trim.

Footpath 175 (Church Lane to The Grove through Ryland Road playing field) – There is a low lying branch covered with ivy which will impede grass cutting; I suspect the weight of the ivy has bent it down.

Green Lane through Rednil Fields to Heath Lane – I am pleased to report that a footpath sign has been erected showing the route at a junction where the path was unclear. I would like to request that a dog bin at both ends of the footpath (The Clerk will make a request to WLDC, but the PC may have to purchase – possible next agenda), there is a footpath sign at the Green Lane end which a bin could be attached to. This footpath is well used by dog walkers.

23/1/35 Lagoon Area

The Clerk reported that work has started and the self-set trees have been removed and some trimming and cutting back has been done. Waiting for new Schedule of Work from the college.

23/1/36 Floral Displays

On a proposal from Cllr Mrs Watson, seconded by Cllr Lobley, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote for the colour scheme this year to be red, white and blue in celebration of the King’s coronation.

23/1/37 Grass Cutting

On a proposal from Cllr Lobley, seconded by Cllr Powell, it was **RESOLVED** following a unanimous vote to accept the quote from Glendale Countryside Ltd.

23/1/38 Nest Boxes

In past years the council has put up various nest boxes around the village a several of the owl boxes are now deteriorating. Cllr Mrs Watson has read an article in the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust magazine about the Barn Owl Nest Box project; the Clerk had sent an email enquiring about the project and on a proposal from Cllr Mrs Watson, seconded by Cllr Pikett, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote to offer them sites at the Ryland Road playing field, the Churchyard and Manor Park and ask them to survey for any other suitable locations in the village.

23/1/39 Highway Matters

- a. **Community Speed Watch Scheme** – the scheme has been suspended during the winter months and will re-start in March. Three new volunteers are waiting for training sessions to be arranged by the LRSP. The Clerk was requested to ask LRSP/LCC to assess for suitable sites on Prebend Lane and Eastfield Lane.
- b. A request has been received from a resident on Eastfield Lane to install an illuminated speed sign and on a proposal from Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Lobley, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote to purchase a sign and seek permission from LCC to install it at a suitable site to be assessed and advised by them.
- c. A request has been received from a resident on Eastfield Lane to install a chevron sign on the bend to prevent vehicles ending up in the ditch; the committee were in favour of this, however there was concern that it may be more dangerous for vehicles to crash into a metal sign rather than in a soft ditch, but this would be assessed by LCC prior to installation. On a proposal from Cllr Lobley, seconded by Cllr Mrs Watson, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote to request LCC to erect a sign and/or mark the road with a SLOW painted on it.

- d. Quotes for the replacement of a vandal resistant solar light at the lagoon area were considered and on a proposal from Cllr Mrs Watson, seconded by Cllr Lobley, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote to purchase a new one at a cost of £250.00.
- e. Road Safety Audit – this was reviewed and the committee felt that there is not much else they can do as all avenues have been explored and on a proposal from Cllr Lobley, seconded by Cllr Powell, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote to take no further action.
- f. Update:
 - i. Extending the 30mph speed limit on Cliff Road – no further update – chased LCC
 - ii. Extending the 30mph speed limit on Lincoln Road – no further update – chased LCC
 - iii. Traffic regulation order for Beware of Horses on Heath Lane/Cliff Road – LCC requested to re-consider.
 - iv. Extension of Cycle path from the A46 into the village – e-mailed CC & LCC 20.4.2021, chased Feb 2022, 19.8.22, 24.10.22 and 20.1.23.

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Councillors Reports

None

Chairman:

Date: