

A meeting of the Amenities & Services Committee was held in the Pavilion, Manor Park Sports Club, Hackthorn Road, Welton on Monday 26th June 2023 at 7.30pm

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

Clerk: Mrs J Murray

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

23/6/18 Chairman's remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

23/6/19 Election of Vice-Chairman

Cllr Pikett was elected Vice-Chairman.

23/6/20 Apologies

On a proposal from Cllr Lobley, seconded by Cllr Lowen, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote that apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Greenway having considered his reason for absence. Cllr Mrs Grimble was absent with no apologies given.

23/6/21 Declarations of Interest

None

23/6/22 Minutes

On a proposal from Cllr Lobley, seconded by Cllr Powell, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote that the notes of the meeting held on 27th March 2023 be approved and signed as the minutes.

23/6/23 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported:

23/3/44 Tree on Prebend Lane - reported to LCC – they have completed their investigation and work is now planned.

23/3/45 Footpath 175 - reported to LCC – no action to date, but the path is completely dry currently.

23/6/24 Finance Matters

- a) Members received a financial report to 31.5.2023. Cllr Fletcher advised that spending should be kept to essentials only until such time as the Compliance Check being carried out by HMRC is completed.
- b) On a proposal from Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Lobley, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote to hire a skip for the disposal of concrete from the old bins and plinths.
- c) Quotes have been sought for a Coronation bench which could be purchased using some of the £6,000 grant funding specifically allocated to Welton from WLDC (Large Village Retail Area Fund) available for items to improve the look of the village centre i.e. benches, bins, notice boards, cycle racks etc. On a proposal from Cllr Mrs Watson, seconded by Cllr Lowen, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to purchase the bench from David Ogilvie Engineering which is in keeping with the other commemorative/memorial benches in the village. The Clerk will investigate styles and costs of map boards.

23/6/25

Trees/Planting

a) Cllr Powell reported on the following:

146850 - 2no Sycamore trees wit TPOs need their crowns lifting by 5 metres and a reduction in height of 3/4 metres on both trees.

146486 - trees are enclosed in the framework of the electricity sub-station and are rotting. On a proposal from Cllr Lobley, seconded by Cllr Pikett, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote to write to the resident asking them to take some remedial action.

23/6/26

Footpaths

Cllr Mrs Watson reported:

Footpath 169 (Sudbeck Lane to Ryland Road, crossing Beckhall to Honeyholes Lane, Dunholme) – It is in an acceptable and litter free condition. A property on Sudbeck Lane has planted hedging outside their boundary fence, this is now growing outwards and needs trimming. There are brambles protruding outwards from the hedge that need cutting back.

Footpath 173 (Lincoln Road to Church Lane through the Churchyard) – It is in an acceptable and litter free condition.

Footpath 174 (Tinkermere Close – Ryland Road) – It is in an acceptable and litter free condition. At the end of the path there are some low branches that need removing and contact the householder on Ryland Road to trim the hedge on the footpath side of their property as it is overhanging the path.

Footpath 175 (Church Lane to The Grove through Ryland Road playing field) – It is in an acceptable and litter free condition. The width of the path varies enormously in its width and overreaching brambles and nettles need strimming. Hedges and planting needs trimming from properties.

Footpath 54 (Mill Lane to Eastfield Lane) – Very overgrown at the Mill Lane end, otherwise acceptable.

Green Lane through Rednil Fields to Heath Lane – I am disappointed that a dog bin has not been installed and the Clerk will put in another request. The first two fields are fine as hay has been cut, but very overgrown at the bridge/beck end.

23/6/27

Lagoon Area

The Clerk reported that she has chased for an update, but nothing received to date.

23/6/28

Highway Matters

a) **Community Speed Watch Scheme** – 3 volunteers waiting training.

b) i) Quotes for a bollard to prevent vehicles driving down the path from Eagle Drive to Poachers Rest have been sought and on a proposal from Cllr Lobley, seconded by Cllr Pikett, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote to set a budget of £200.00 to purchase pop-up bollards (2 at each end of the path).

ii) Ideas for improving the path from Eagle Drive to Poachers Rest – On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Mrs Watson, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote it was agreed to keep cutting the membrane when it protrudes through the planings and take no further action at the current time.

c) Quotes for a litter bin to be located outside on Lincoln Road using grant funding were considered and on a proposal from Cllr Lobley, seconded by Cllr Powell, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote to purchase the Slingsby Bin in green at a cost of £179.00 plus the cost of installation.

- d) Replacing the light on the walkway from Ryland Road to Westhall Road outside the Scout Hut which was blown down in strong winds in April – the history and costs were circulated with the agenda. Quotes for a spotlight with a PIR mounted on the building will be sought and the Clerk will contact the Scout leader to discuss. On a proposal from Cllr Fletcher, seconded by Cllr Mrs Watson, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote to purchase 2no lights and make an annual contribution to the running costs.

e) **Update on Outstanding Matters:**

Static Speed Sign on Eastfield Lane – email from LCC 26.5.23:

“Graeme Butler who dealt with the speed indicator devices left Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership at the end of March and we apologise that there is nobody available to arrange a meeting with a Councillor or discuss possible locations. We are in the process of replacing Graeme but as you can appreciate this can take time. Please note your email has been registered and once the new person has been appointed, they will contact you in due course”.

Cycle Path – County Cllr Sue Rawlins reported at the April FC meeting that this is now under consideration by LCC.

23/6/29

Councillors Reports

Cllr Lowen reported that there is a large branch overhanging on the corner by the allotments on Lincoln Road.

Cllr Mrs Watson reported that the streetlights are still lit on Ayam Close at 6.00am.

Cllr Powell reported that some volunteers from the church have offered to re-paint the chains and gates around the War Memorial. The Clerk will report to the H&E Committee.

Chairman:

Date: