

**Minutes of the Assets and Amenities Committee held on Monday 12th June 2023 @
7pm**

There were no members of the public present.

- Apologies for absence: none. Present Cllrs. P. Corrigan, Buck Prest and Richards.
- No Pecuniary interests declared.
- The minutes of the meeting held on 10th January were accepted as a true record.
- **To consider arrangements for the Bramham Show:** It was agreed that the arrangements put in place for the show last year which was cancelled should simply be rolled forward to this year. **Cllr. Richards** offered to contact the judges to confirm tht they were still able and willing to judge this year and suggestions were put forward for alternatives if they were not.
- It was proposed to ask 1st Clifford Scouts whether they were willing to put on some activities for the children who attend for a donation to the scout's fund. **Cllr. P Corrigan**
- It was proposed that they also be approached to run the BBQ to give others the chance to raise funds. **Cllr. P Corrigan.**
- It was proposed that the Church be approached again to provide tea and cakes. **Cllr. P Corrigan.**
- The Parish Council will run the Bar **Cllr. P Corrigan** to apply for a TEN.
- **Playing Field Maintenance.** Cllr. Dan Gilpin has applied for a grant towards field and pitch maintenance. We will await the outcome before considering this further.
- **Playground repairs:** The playground is looking shabby, and it was decided that: 1. Danny Hizzett be approached for a quote to replace the rotten posts indicated in the Playground report recently received.
2. a quote for the repair of the wet pour be obtained
- 3. Norma Harrington to be approached to see if there are any 'pots' of money available from LCC for replacement of some or all of the playground in the future.
- **Car park Stanchions :** These have been repaired by Cllr. M Corrigan and therefore this item has deferred as it is now low priority.
- **Rat control** at Tenter Hill allotments: Deferred until quote obtained from LCC re Clearing the quarry of rubbish. Tenter Hill allotments have also asked that a skip be supplied for the BPC to facilitate the removal of accumulated rubbish which is exacerbation the rat problem. It was **resolved** to recommend to full council that up to £600 be made available for the BPC to fund a 'mega' skip to clear the rubbish once and for all. It was suggested that the **(a)** Clerk write to the Committee of Tenter Hill allotments to advise them of this offer and stressing that this was a 'one off' offer and to stress that no personal rubbish should be brought from home to be disposed of. **(b)**The Clerk also to write to those plot holders who were still accumulating and storing items on the allotments which the Fire officer had deemed a fire risk to

remove them immediately or risk breach of their tenancy agreement with consequent possible eviction from their plot.

- **Parish Centre Usage: (1)** It was recommended that a list of Councillor availability be obtained with a view to setting up a rota for councillors to be available for questions from the public at the Parish Centre. (Clerk to collect) **(2)** An article to place in the Parish Magazine stating that the new Parish Centre is now open and suggesting that in the first instance there will be open access from 9am to 5pm for the general public but inviting all village groups to contact the Clerk at BPC if they might wish to use the Centre during the day. In the evening it would be simple to provide exclusive access but the BPC would need to know whether this was requested during the day as alterations to the booking system would be needed. It is proposed that the Centre be bookable in the first instance evenings only and through the Council website and the Scribe system.
- **To consider the request from BIB to install two additional benches at the Parish Centre:** Photographs and dimensions of the benches were provided by BIB. However, the Centre already has 4 benches to site on the hard landscaping and it was thought that this was sufficient and that unfortunately the request could not be granted. A suggestion was made to approach Folly allotment association Committee to see if they could be accommodated in their Cottage Garden. Clerk to write to Lynne Marshall to this effect.
- **To Consider the request to plant a memorial tree in the BPC garden.** A request was received to replace a memorial tree which was cut down by BIB in the old SCC garden. A specific request for a cherry tree was made with an offer to fund. In Principle it was agreed that the memorial plaque could be replaced as BIB still have it, however the choice of tree cannot be accommodated due to the nature of the root system on a Cherry tree. These are likely to lift the hard landscaping. (The previous tree was set in grass) It was agreed that we write to Mr Scofield advising him of this and allowing him a choice from the trees purchased against which to place the plaque.
- **Furniture for the BPC:** It was decided to recommend the purchase of (a)4 square tables and 16 folding chairs. (b)Kettle (already purchased) (c) Cleaning equipment to comprise: mop, bucket, broom, brush and dustpan. (d) Coffee mugs to be recycled from the Pavilion in the short term.
- **Danny Hizzett** to be approached to fit a diverter to the external drain pipe and fit two rainwater collection butts to the rear of the Centre.
- **Baby changer in the accessible toilet:** It is recommended that a baby changing facility be retro fitted to the accessible toilet; Notices will need to be in place that all waste MUST be removed as waste collection is not available. (Cllr. P Corrigan to investigate the cost)
- **Minor items:** Cllr Richards will contact Nick Lane Fox and set a date for the Official opening of the BPC. She will lead on who will be invited, how it will be advertised, what the celebration will comprise of and will advise and organise on any need to

close the road etc. Once a date has been fixed a Plaque to commemorate the opening can be organised.

- **The Council requires :** A posse to clear the loft. A decision as to whether we need the metal chairs from the Village Hall and to offer them back or advise them of disposal. To clear out all neighbourhood plan posters etc and to advise Ben Wilson of any BCAG material to be disposed of. Drama group be asked to tidy up and dispose of any unwanted items so that we can designate an area for their storage.
- **Collingham Football club request to use the kitchen to provide tea and coffee:** it was decided to recommend to Council that this be denied as it sets a precedent and could involve Council in extra costs. It was suggested that a Coffee Van in the Car park might be an option.
- **Meeting closed at 8.30 pm**