

BLABY PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE ESTATES & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
Held at Blaby Civic Centre, 22-24 Leicester Road, Blaby at 7.00pm on
Tuesday, 22nd October 2019

PRESENT: Mrs S Skeemer (Chairman),
Ms Bolton, Mrs M Broomhead, Mr Harding, Mr Harbot, Mr Muton, M Wareham,
Miss L Withers (Assistant Manager), Mrs V Jepson (Manager) & 7 Parishioners.

EC.427 **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence are received from Mr Akroyd the reason for which are approved.

EC.428 **2. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR
DISPENSATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

The following disclosures of interests were made: -

Mrs M Broomhead	Burial Rights	Personal
Mr G Harding	Burial Rights	Personal
Mr P Muton	Burial Rights	Personal
Mrs S Skeemer	Burial Rights	Personal

EC.429 **3. MANAGERS REPORT**

Oakfield Park

The Oaks Community room has had the street art completed since the vandalism earlier in the year.

Cemetery

The Peace Meadow gate is rotten and needs to be replaced. The ground staff will action this matter as soon as possible.

EC.430 **4. TO CONSIDER ENDERBY ROAD ALLOTMENTS**

a) Allotment Inspection

The third allotment inspection was carried out on Monday, 14th October 25 first letters were sent out which asks for the tenants to bring their plot up to standard & 10 second letters which gives the tenants a notice period to quit their plot.

b) Rubbish

A swing has been dumped in the car park of the allotments. It is confirmed by a tenant of the allotments that the swing belongs to a tenant who has vacated their plot.

AGREED: A member of the Allotment Society will inform all allotment tenants that if they have items that they wish to donate to other tenants these can be left in a certain area in the car park but would need to be removed after a short period of time rather than leaving it for the Parish Council to remove.

c) Turning Circle Signs

The 'No Vehicles Beyond This Point' poster has been removed from the allotment shed. No notices erected by the Parish Council should be removed by any allotment tenants.

AGREED: Members' will look at the difficulties with vehicles loading and unloading on the driveway, this matter is to be added to the next Estates & Community committee agenda.

d) Hedge Cutting

Members have been informed a letter of thanks has been received from an allotment tenant for the hedge cutting work recently been completed by the Councils groundstaff.

e) Blaby Allotment Society Letter Received – 22nd October 2019

All members have been issued with a letter received from the Blaby Allotment Society dated the 21st October 2019.

f) December Estates & Community Committee Meeting

AGREED: The allotment rules and regulations are to be considered and approved at the December 2019 Estates & Community committee meeting.

AGREED: Future allotment inspections are to be considered and an inspection sheet is to be created.

EC.431

5. TO CONSIDER LAND OFF WINCHESTER ROAD - JELSON ESTATE

A further site meeting was held with Jelson, Cllr Mrs Skeemer, Cllr Mr Harding and the manager to consider the condition of the Winchester Road development.

At the meeting it was proposed the Parish Council would be happy to take ownership of the fenced play area only.

We are awaiting to hear from Jelson and Blaby District Council with regards to a S.106 contribution figure for this area.

AGREED: Add this item to a future meeting once the S.106 figure has been received.

EC.432

6. TO CONSIDER QUOTATIONS RECEIVED FOR PARKS RENOVATIONS

All members have been issued with quotations for the renovation works for The Crescent and Oakfield Park.

AGREED: Cllr Mrs Broomhead, Cllr Mrs Skeemer, Cllr Mr Wareham and the manager will meet at 5pm on Tuesday, 29th October 2019 to discuss the quotations further.

Delegated powers are given for these members to propose a chosen contractor for the park's renovation works and new play equipment.

AGREED: Add this item to the November full Council meeting for members approval of the chosen contractor.

EC.433

7. TO CONSIDER SUMMER 2020 HOLIDAY SPORTS CLUB

Early in the year members agreed to work with a company called Finding Fitness Ltd who could provide free sports holiday clubs for hundreds of primary school children in and around Blaby, at the time members wished to proceed with the activity but it was not able to go ahead because we had already received funding from the National Lottery during the year?

AGREED: Members are happy to work with Finding Fitness Ltd for a Summer 2020 holiday sports club.

EC.434

8. TO REPORT UPDATE ON WELFORD ROAD CROSSING REQUEST

Leicestershire County Council have been contacted with regards to residents who have been having difficulty to cross Welford Road safely due to the amount of traffic and no safe central place to stop. It was asked if a zebra crossing could be installed in this area.

Leicestershire County Council replied to our request by saying:-

“Thank you for your recent enquiry requesting a pedestrian crossing to be considered on Welford Road, Blaby to access Bouskell Park.

As I am sure you can appreciate, the County Council receives many requests for a wide variety of road safety measures, therefore, all requests that we receive are considered against set criteria on an evidence led appraisal. This is to ensure that resources are employed in the most cost efficient and robust manner as possible.

Officers have undertaken a recent site assessment in this matter. Whilst we appreciate that there is a park at this location, the overall pedestrian and vehicle flows would not require a zebra crossing or further crossing points to be considered on Welford Road or Sycamore Street. Both roads benefit from crossing points with pedestrian refuges and tactile paving on both sides of the crossings. Furthermore, they are located within a 300-metre distance to the park entrance.

In addition, there are already numerous existing dropped kerbs on Welford Road and the surrounding roads therefore, unfortunately any new crossing request do not meet our current criteria.

Funding for new or improved crossing facilities is targeted at locations where we can evidence that there is a significant level of pedestrian demand and vehicular conflict, where this would benefit the economy and get more people walking in a safe environment.

Your request will be kept on file and reviewed should opportunities arise through future developments or maintenance works”.

EC.435

9. TO CONSIDER QUOTATIONS:-

All members have been issued with quotations for new / replacement equipment:-

a) STIHL FS 56 C-E Strimmer

New generation, light-weight petrol brush cutter with straight shaft, bike handle and ErgoStart. Modern appearance, convenient operation and very simple starting procedure are the highlights of the new generation STIHL grass trimmer range.

<u>Quotation 1</u> £206.66 + VAT	<u>Quotation 2</u> £207.08 + VAT	<u>Quotation 3</u> £221.67 + VAT
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RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: Accept quotation number 1 for the purchase of a new STIHL FS 56 C-E strimmer, at a cost of £206.66 + VAT. Funds to be taken from the EMR New & Replacement savings account.

b) Erbauer 26kg Concrete Breaker

Versatile tool with anti-vibration technology, an electric brake and adjustable speed settings for maximum control.

<u>Quotation 1</u> £166.66 + VAT	<u>Quotation 2</u> £166.67 + VAT
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RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: Accept quotation number 1 for the purchase of an Erbauer 26kg Concrete Breaker at a cost of £166.66 + VAT. Funds to be taken from the EMR New & Replacement savings account.

c) Long Pole Hedge Strimmer

AGREED: Seek quotations for a long pole hedge strimmer.

EC.436

10. TO CONSIDER WINCHESTER ROAD NOTICEBOARD

At a previous Estates & Community committee meeting members wished to consider installing a Parish noticeboard along Winchester Road to incorporate the new Jelson Estate and Scouting Way but Leicestershire County Council refused our request due to the location because it would be in the visibility splay for vehicles waiting to exit the junction.

A different location has been proposed by the Parish Council but as, yet we have not received a reply from Leicestershire County Council.

AGREED: Add this item to a future meeting agenda once clarification has been received from Leicestershire Council Council.

EC.437

11. TO RECEIVE & CONSIDER SOCIAL EVENTS WORKING PARTY MEETING NOTES – 8TH OCTOBER

The social events working party meeting notes dated 8th October have been received and approved by members.

Members are asked to consider the following additional items:-

Wi-Fi

When the Parish Council's electrician visited the site, they found that Blaby District Council had used one of our Christmas lighting display lampposts for their Wi-Fi connection.

An estimated quotation priced at £360.00 + VAT has been received from the electrician for the installation of an additional wiring loop to facilitate a permanent supply for the Wi-Fi and a timed supply for the Christmas lights.

RESOLVED: Members have agreed to equally split the electrician's cost with Blaby District Council for the necessary works required to the lighting column.

Ice Rink

CLlr Mrs Skeemer has visited some of the local businesses to enquire if they would be willing to contribute towards this year's ice-skating rink. The following contribution responses have been received so far:-

- The chippy - £100
- Edmonds and Slatter - £150
- Jenno's - £150
- Barry Botts - £150
- Blaby District Council - £500

Total Contribution - £1,050.00 against the cost of the ice rink priced at £2,395.00

RESOLVED: Book the ice-skating rink at a cost of £2,395.00 + VAT.

AGREED: All businesses who have agreed to sponsor the ice-skating rink are to be invoiced for their contribution.

AGREED: Two volunteers are required for this activity.

AGREED: Add Christmas Light Switch on event to the November Full council agenda to clarify volunteers required for the event.

EC.438 **12. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER ISSUE OF AGENDA – None.**

EC.439 **13. CHAIRMAN'S TIME.**
Thank you all for attending.

MEETING CLOSED: 8:05PM