

BLABY PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE ESTATES & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
Virtual Zoom Meeting Held at 7.00pm on
Tuesday, 22nd September 2020

PRESENT: Mr M Wareham (Chairman),
Ms L Bolton, Mrs M Broomhead, Mrs S McFadden, Mrs S Skeemer, Mr R Woolley,
Miss L Withers (Assistant Manager), Mrs V Jepson (Manager) & 1 Parishioner.

INVITED BUT NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Mr P Akroyd

EC.559 **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence are received from Cllr Mr P Muton, the reason for which is approved.

EC.560 **2. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSAIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

The following disclosures of interests were made: -

Mrs M Broomhead	Burial Rights	Personal
Mrs S Skeemer	Burial Rights	Personal

EC.561 **3. MANAGER'S REPORT**

Oakfield Park

Vandalism has occurred to the shutter on the Oaks Community Room and two dog waste bins at Oakfield Park. The shutter and bins have been re-fixed by the ground staff.

Litter Bins

Two youths have been caught on CCTV causing damage to a litter bin, the footage has been sent to the police and we have been issued with a criminal damage number and a sentinel number.

The Crescent Play Area

The multi play unit at The Crescent was recently vandalised, a replacement dome has been purchased and replaced priced at £65.50 + VAT.

EC.562 **4. TO REPORT UPDATE ON EKO-JOE MEETING**

Cllr Mr M Wareham met with Claire Cooke from Eko-Joe on Saturday, 12th September 2020. A discussion took place regarding the placement of a shed, a compost toilet and using the allotment to engage with the community.

AGREED: Members wish to receive more clarification regarding the compost toilet, including where it will be situated and who will be responsible for managing it.

EC.563

5. TO CONSIDER ENDERBY ROAD ALLOTMENTS

a) Inspections

The last allotment inspection saw 3 letters sent out.

Members considered when the next allotment inspection should take place.

AGREED: The next allotment inspection will be held at 9am on Saturday, 17th October 2020 and will be carried out by Cllr Mr Wareham, Cllr Mrs Broomhead, Cllr Mr Woolley, Cllr Mrs McFadden, Cllr Ms Bolton and Cllr Mrs Skeemer.

b) Plots

There is currently 1 parishioner and 25 non-parishioners on the allotment waiting list for an allotment plot.

c) Nuisance Tenant

The Parish Council have been notified by multiple allotment tenants that one tenant in particular is causing upset and aggravation to other tenants.

AGREED: Members have agreed to write to the tenant in question in December to notify them that they will be unable to renew their allotment plot tenancy.

d) Allotment Carpark

Members considered starting works to repair the allotment carpark.

AGREED: Members agreed that the grid surface will be the best option. Quotes will be obtained and added to the next Estates and Community committee meeting agenda.

e) Blaby Allotment Society Meeting Minutes – 27th July 2020

All members were issued with a copy of the Allotment Society meeting notes dated 27th July 2020.

AGREED: Members are happy for the allotment tenants to dispose of the disused shed by having a communal bonfire. The bonfire must only happen on a Wednesday or a Sunday as these are permitted days, according to the allotment rules and regulations.

AGREED: A noticeboard will not be erected at present but will be reconsidered after the carpark has been rectified.

AGREED: Members agreed that it is not feasible for the ground staff to trim the plots of those tenants that are shielding.

AGREED: Cllr Mr Wareham will check that all plot markers are visible during the next allotment inspection to ensure that inspection letters are being sent to the correct tenants.

EC.564

6. TO CONSIDER SALE OF RIDE ON MOWER

At the June Estates and Community Committee meeting, it was agreed that members were happy to sell the ride on mower for £450.00. Since then, the buyer has come back to the committee and asked if the price can be reduced to £400.00 as multiple issues have now been found with the mower.

RESOLVED: Members are happy to sell the old ride on mower for £400.00.

EC.565 **7. TO CONSIDER PARISH NOTICEBOARDS**

It is reported that some of the noticeboards in the village need replacement backboards and Perspex windows due to wear and tear.

Members considered the following quotations:-

New backboards in Rubber pin board

1 x 820mm x 1120mm @ £135.00 plus VAT

1 x 720mm x 910mm @ £95.00 plus VAT

2 x 920mm x 920mm @ £95.00 each plus VAT

New Perspex doors:

1 x 910mm x 710mm @ £65.00 plus VAT

1 x 910mm x 910mm @ £70.00 plus VAT

1 x 910mm x 760mm @ £65.00 plus VAT

RESOLVED: Purchase the rubber pin boards at a cost of £420.00 + VAT and the Perspex doors at a cost of £200.00 + VAT, funds are to be taken from the Street Furniture account.

Winchester Road Noticeboard

The cost of the new noticeboard for Winchester Road has remained the same at £1,756.00 + VAT, which committee have already agreed to and will be ordered at the same time as the backboards.

RESOLVED: Purchase 1 x Noticeboard to be situated on Winchester Road priced at £1,756.00 + VAT. Funds are to be taken from the Street Furniture account.

EC.566 **8. TO REPORT UPDATE ON PARK INSPECTIONS**

The inspections for The Crescent, Scouting Way, Northfield and Oakfield Park were carried out on Thursday, 19th August 2020.

Oakfield Park had moderate findings with corrosion on the slide and Northfield Park has moderate findings with excess wear to swing chains.

AGREED: Members wish for the ground staff to treat the corrosion on the slide and for the Manager to order new chains for the swing and replace when necessary.

EC.567 **9. TO CONSIDER RENOVATION OF THE OLD CHAPEL**

Members considered if they would like to look at starting the process of the renovations to the Old Chapel again.

AGREED: Members agreed to restarting the process of renovations to the Old Chapel.

AGREED: Members have formed a sub committee consisting of Cllr Mrs S Skeemer, Cllr Mrs M Broomhead, Cllr Mr R Woolley, Cllr Ms L Bolton and Mr Cooke from Eko-Joe to meet at the Cemetery on Monday, 28th September 2020 at 10am to carry out a site visit.

EC.568 **10. TO REPORT UPDATE ON WOODLAND TRUST APPLICATION**

Members received correspondence from the Woodland Trust, informing them that a delivery of 420 saplings will be made to the Parish Council between 2nd and 20th November 2020.

AGREED: Members agreed to use the Parish Council's Facebook page and website and Eko-Joe's platforms to ask the community where they would like to see some of the trees planted.

EC.569

11. TO CONSIDER QUOTATION RECEIVED FOR OAKFIELD PARK PICNIC BENCHES

It has been recommended that Oakfield Park could benefit from more picnic benches due to the amount of people using the park on a regular basis. The suggestion has been made that 3 picnic benches would suffice.

Quotation 1	Quotation 2	Quotation 3
<p>Our recycling benches are weather-resistant and can be left year round at their place of installation. They don't rot or splinter, they are humidity repellent, UV-resistant and owing to steel reinforcements – dimensionally stable. Their rugged design provides protection from vandalism. A high level of seating comfort is guaranteed.</p>	<p>Made from recycled plastic. There are thousands of them in hundreds of locations across Britain in public and private locations like schools, public parks, hospital grounds, village greens. Will comfortably seat four adults or six children and uses the classic A-frame design that we're all so familiar with.</p>	<p>Manufactured from 100% recycled plastic material Will never rot, splinter or corrode Can last up to 5 times longer than timber! Strong, durable and wear resistant Does not splint or splinter & resistant to insects & bacteria Our recycled plastic is manufactured to have an attractive wood grain effect Completely maintenance free</p>
<p>£660.00 + VAT</p>	<p>£319.50 + VAT</p>	<p>£588.00 + VAT</p>

Members are also asked to consider the purchase of a wheelchair friendly picnic table for Oakfield Park. This would sit nicely alongside the inclusive play area and would be a great addition to what is a very inclusive park. A wheelchair friendly picnic bench is priced at £319.50 + VAT.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: Accept quotation number 2 and purchase two benches at a cost of £319.50 + VAT each totalling £639.00 + VAT. Funds are to be taken from the EMR New & Replacement savings account.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: Accept the quotation to purchase one wheelchair friendly bench at a cost of £319.50 + VAT. Funds are to be taken from the EMR New & Replacement savings account.

EC.570 12. TO REPORT UPDATE ON GREEN FLAG AWARD

The Green Flag Award judging was carried out on Thursday, 27th August 2020 by two independent Green Flag Award judges. Also, in attendance was Cllr Sue Skeemer, Cllr Marian Broomhead and Groundsman Michael Scriven.

Cllr Susan Skeemer reported that the Green Flag judges were extremely impressed with the inclusive play equipment and the community facilities but felt that the park lacked in biodiversity.

The results of the judging will be announced in October 2020.

EC.571 13. TO REPORT UPDATE ON COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN

Members were informed that the Community Resilience Plan stores shopping list was delivered to the Parish Council on Thursday, 17th September 2020.

EC.572 14. TO CONSIDER QUOTATIONS FOR PEST CONTROL

Members considered the following pest control quotations:-

<u>Quotation 1</u>	<u>Quotation 2</u>	<u>Quotation 3</u>
<p>The treatment to control and eradicate the moles will take 4 weeks and includes the removal of the moles.</p> <p>I have also noted that there is a Badger's Sett at the Cemetery but we cannot remove this as it is protected.</p>	<p>With moles we carry out a 3 visit treatment.</p> <p>On the initial visit we will survey the area where the hills have appeared to identify the active runs. When we find the active runs we will dig into them and insert a trap. We place traps in several of the runs the moles are using.</p> <p>We will then mark the areas where we have laid traps and come back in approximately 7-10 days to check them, remove any moles we have caught, reposition and repeat the steps from the initial visit. We will then repeat this process again.</p>	<p>The cemetery would need 3 separate visits, one week apart to treat the moles and the total cost includes the removal of the moles.</p>
£200.00 + VAT	£699.00 + VAT	£225.00 + VAT

RESOLVED: Members wish to gain more information regarding the trapping and removal of the moles before committing to a decision. This will be added to the next Full Council agenda for further consideration.

EC.573

15. TO CONSIDER BLABY VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB REQUEST FOR FENCING

All members considered correspondence received from Blaby Village Cricket Club, seeking approval and financial help to have net fencing erected around the perimeter of the Cricket Club.

AGREED: Members gave their approval for the net fencing to be erected but do not feel they can financially contribute as the land is owned by the Cricket Club, so is therefore their own responsibility.

EC.574

16. CORRESPONDENCE

- **National Federation of Cemetery Friends – Annual Report 2020**

EC.575

17. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER ISSUE OF AGENDA

a) Northfield Park – Pitch Hire

We have been contacted by the charity 'Baby Loss Support LLR', which provide various methods of support for families that have lost their babies, to ask is members would consider offering a reduced rate on Pitch Hire at Northfield Park.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to offer the charity free pitch hire for the upcoming season and will review it again next year.

EC.576

A) CHAIRMAN'S TIME.

Thank you all for attending.

MEETING CLOSED: 8:05PM