

**BLABY PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING OF THE ESTATES & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE  
Virtual Zoom Meeting Held at 7.00pm on  
Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**PRESENT:** Mr M Wareham (Chairman),  
Mr P Akroyd, Mrs M Broomhead, Mrs S Skeemer, Mr R Woolley,  
Miss L Withers (Assistant Manager), Mrs V Jepson (Manager) & 4 Parishioners.

EC.592      **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Apologies for absence are received from Cllr Ms L Bolton and Cllr Mrs S McFadden the reasons for which are approved.

EC.593      **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.594      **3. MANAGERS REPORT**  
**a) Northfield Park ASB**  
We received complaints of antisocial behaviour on Northfield Park. Leicestershire Police were informed and are patrolling the area regularly.

EC.595      **4. TO CONSIDER ENDERBY ROAD ALLOTMENTS**  
**a) Plots**  
There is currently 3 parishioners and 32 non-parishioners on the allotment waiting list for an allotment plot.

**b) Allotment Rent 2020**  
Members considered the current allotment rents.  
**AGREED:** No changes are to be made to the allotment rents at this time but will be considered again next year.

**c) Car Park**  
We are waiting to receive a plan of the proposed works from the contractor, which will be forwarded to Savills, on behalf of Trinity College.

**d) Bonfires**  
All members have been issued with an email received from the Senior Technical Officer of Blaby District Council with regards to bonfires being held at the allotments.  
**AGREED:** If Blaby Parish Council receive a fine for tenants not complying with the bonfire rules and regulations, tenants of the allotment will be responsible for covering the cost.

- EC.596      **5. TO CONSIDER THE EKO-JOE PROJECT**  
All members have been issued with correspondence from Eko-Joe, asking if they could rent the current allotment shed and add a small seating area.  
**AGREED:** Add this item to the next Full Council agenda for members to consider and confirm rent fees.  
**AGREED:** Cllr Mr M Wareham, Cllr Mrs S Skeemer and Cllr Mrs M Broomhead will meet with Eko-Joe at the allotments on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020 to discuss their plans in more detail and provide a report for the December Full Council meeting.
- EC.597      **6. TO CONSIDER OAKFIELD PARK SURFACE REPAIRS**  
All members have been issued with a report regarding resurfacing works required at Oakfield Park. A quote of £252.00 + VAT has been received to purchase the materials for damaged surfacing underneath the table tennis table and the gate leading into the inclusive play area.  
**RESOLVED:** Accept the quotation of £252.00 + VAT to purchase the materials and have the ground staff lay the new surfaces under the table tennis table and the gate leading into the inclusive play area.
- EC.598      **7. TO APPROVE THE CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON MEETING NOTES DATED 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**  
All members have been issued with a copy of the Christmas Light Switch On meeting notes, dated Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020.  
**AGREED:** All members are happy to approve the meeting notes.
- The Choir**  
**AGREED:** The choir will have 5 slots which will include a solo performance of ‘Silent Night’.
- The Choir have said they do not wish to be paid for their attendance but have asked the Parish Council if they would donate to Loros, instead.  
**RESOLVED:** Members have agreed to make a £100.00 donation to Loros.
- Event Purchases**  
It will be ensured that everybody inside the barriered area is 2m apart and each person will be provided with an umbrella, should the weather be bad.  
**RESOLVED:** Purchase 12 umbrellas at a cost of between £7.99 and £10.99 each.
- There has been a suggestion of a snow machine on the canopy of the precinct and this will cost £88.00 to purchase.  
**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to purchase a snow machine at a cost of £88.00.
- The office staff have obtained a quotation for new, metal barriers.  
**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to purchase 17 x 37 linear metre barriers priced at £356.83 + VAT, plus delivery at £55.00.
- Tinsel and fairy lights to decorate the barriers are required to be purchased.  
**RESOLVED:** Members are happy for the office staff to purchase tinsel and fairy lights.

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**8. TO CONSIDER 2020/21 BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS AND POSSIBLE NEW PROJECTS**

<b><u>BLABY PARISH COUNCIL</u></b>	
<b>Description</b>	<b>Recommended Budget 2021/22</b>
<b><u>ESTATES &amp; COMMUNITY</u></b>	
Allotment - Maintenance	£500.00
Allotment - Skip Hire	£0.00
Allotment - Competition	£50.00
Allotment - Rent	£850.00
Cemetery - Maintenance	£2,500.00
Parks, Street Furniture & Play Equipment - Maintenance & Inspection	£10,000.00
Equipment - Maintenance	£1,000.00
Grass Cutting - Parks & Cemeteries	£6,500.00
Floral Displays - Hanging Baskets & Planters	£2,500.00
Litter & Dog Waste Bins	£500.00
Blaby Topic - Distribution (3 copies)	£3,500.00
Events	£50,000.00
Tree Surveys / Tree Works	£0.00
Grants / Donations	£0.00
Noticeboards	£2,500.00
<b>Total Estates &amp; Community</b>	<b>£80,400.00</b>

**RESOLVED:** The Estates & Community Committee budgetary requirements are agreed for 2021/22.

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**9. CORRESPONDENCE****a) The National Allotment Society****b) Chief's Intercultural Evening**

Due to Covid-19, members are invited to watch the Chief's Annual Intercultural Evening through YouTube.

EC.601      **10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER ISSUE OF AGENDA**

**a) The Wildflower Verges Scheme**

Leicestershire County Council are holding a Zoom workshop on managing grass verges for Biodiversity. This will take place on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 10am via Zoom.

**AGREED:** The Manager, Assistant Manager and a member of the Ground Staff team will attend the Zoom workshop.

EC.602      **11. CHAIRMAN'S TIME**

Thank you all for attending.

**MEETING CLOSED: 7:50PM**