

**BLABY PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE ESTATES & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
Virtual Zoom Meeting Held at 7.00pm on
Tuesday, 26th January 2021**

PRESENT: Mr M Wareham (Chairman),
Mr P Akroyd, Ms L Bolton, Mrs M Broomhead, Mr P Muton, Mrs S McFadden,
Mrs S Skeemer, Mrs V Jepson (Manager) & 5 Parishioners.

- EC.592 **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Apologies for absence are received from Ms Withers the reason for which is approved.
- EC.593 **2. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR
DISPENSATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT**
The following disclosures of interests were made: -
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| Mrs M Broomhead | Burial Rights | Personal |
| Mr P Muton | Burial Rights | Personal |
| Mrs S Skeemer | Burial Rights | Personal |
- EC.594 **3. MANAGERS REPORT**
- a) The Crescent Play Area**
The ground staff reported that the play equipment at the Crescent Play Area has been vandalised again, resulting in one of the Perspex domes being smashed. Another dome has been ordered at a cost of £70.50 + VAT.
RESOLVED: Accept the cost of £70.50 + VAT for a replacement dome.
AGREED: Report this incident to the local police and request additional patrols are carried out in the area.
AGREED: Enquires are to be made as to whether CCTV could be installed in the area.
AGREED: Enquires are to be made as to whether a different type of dome could be purchased in future.
- b) Oakfield Park Trees**
A resident living close to Oakfield Park has enquired if the trees on the park could be cut back as they are overhanging their garden, it has also been asked if the few smaller trees planted next to the property could be relocated as the residents are concerned the roots will disrupt their house.
AGREED: The ground staff have been working on this and have almost completed the works.
- EC.595 **4. TO CONSIDER ENDERBY ROAD ALLOTMENTS**
- a) Plots**
There is currently 0 parishioners and 34 non-parishioners on the allotment waiting list for an allotment plot.

b) Allotment Rent

All the allotment rent letters were sent out in December and there are currently 27 payments still outstanding.

RESOLVED: Any rent still outstanding as of the 1st February 2021 will incur the loss of the plot to the tenant.

c) The National Allotment Society – Membership Renewal

All members have been issued with a letter from the National Allotment Society asking if we wish to renew the membership at a cost of £55.00 + VAT for the year.

RESOLVED: Renewal the National Allotment Society membership priced at £55.00 + VAT.

d) Thank You Email

Members have received an email from an allotment plot holder complementing the continued high standard of work carried out by the ground staff.

AGREED: Pass these comments onto the ground staff and thank them for their continued hard work at the allotments.

e) Car Park Update

Members have been updated with regards to the expected works due to be carried out to the allotment car park, the contractors have stated that work is not due to start until at least April, due to their current workload.

Members of the Allotment Society who were present at the meeting felt that April was a very busy time and not appropriate for this work to be carried out and they would prefer it is carried out in July.

AGREED: Report these comments to the contractor and request they adjust their work schedule date from April to July.

AGREED: As a plan is still required to be submitted to the solicitors before work can commence the contractor's comments are to be sent to them for their approval.

f) Allotment Society Committee Meeting Minutes

All members have been issued with a copy of the Allotment Society meeting minutes dated Monday, 18th January 2021.

Community Plot / Ekojoe

Ekojoe have taken on the shed and are planning to renovate it as a community space and will be happy to work with our committee for the benefit of the plot holders and users of the community plot.

They are planning to have a composting toilet for all plot holders to use.

Plot Signs

To remind all plot holders to ensure their plot number is visible and placed to the right side at the beginning of their plot. If you rent two plots one behind the other, they can have both plot markers together.

AOB

It was suggested that plot holders might find it useful to know that the shed is now belonging to EkoJoe and that it is not a 'dumping ground'.

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5. TO CONSIDER EKOJOE PROJECT

It is reported EkoJoe are making considerable progress with their plot, but would like to clarify the following points: -

- The shed has finally been emptied and they aim to renovate this asap.
- In regard to the shed would it be possible to pitch the roof rather than keeping it flat?

AGREED: Members are happy for the shed roof to be pitched rather than being flat.

- EkoJoe would like the shelter canopy to come out 1.5 meters, this will still give plenty of room for vehicles / tractors to still pass.

AGREED: Members are happy for the canopy to come out 1.5 meters.

- Are there any restrictions on what colour the shed can be painted? EkoJoe are keen for the community to be involved in this project.

AGREED: Members don't have any restrictions of the shed colour and think it's a great idea for the community to be involved in.

- There is an issue with people dumping rubbish around the shed, EkoJoe would like to erect a polite notice on the shed for people to remove their own rubbish.

AGREED: Members are happy for EkoJoe to erect 'no dumping rubbish' poster on the side of the shed.

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6. TO CONSIDER BLABY CEMETERY

a) Memorial Tree

Members have been issued with correspondence received from a resident in Blaby, regarding their family's memorial tree at Blaby Cemetery.

The family are not happy about the poor condition the tree is in which was planted in 1999.

The family have requested that the Parish council remove the tree as it is very distressing.

AGREED: Members are happy for the family to remove and replace the tree at their own cost.

a) Peace Meadow – Bench Request

Members have been issued with correspondence with regards to a request to place a bench within our scattering of ashes area.

The family have recently purchased a Crematorium plot for their niece and would like a place to visit close to the plot.

AGREED: Members are happy for the family to purchase a bench from our usual suppliers which would be at the families cost.

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7. TO REPORT UPDATE ON GREEN FLAG AWARD

All members have been issued with the following correspondence from The Green Flag Award, outlining what happens next.

“After discussions with site managers, the unknown for 2021 and to provide some certainty we have taken the decision to continue with, as a minimum, the judging process outlined in 2020,

- Only new sites for 2021 and failed sites from 2020 that reapply will receive an accompanied judging visit.
- Those sites that would be on a full judging year will receive a full desk assessment and a mystery shop.
- Those sites on a mystery shop year will receive a mystery shop.
- Community sites will receive a mystery shop, where applicable.

This means that Oakfield Park will receive a mystery shop visit and report.

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8. TO CONSIDER 2021/22 FOOTBALL SEASON

a) Pitch Hire Applications

AGREED: The following football teams are approved pitch hire for 2021/22.

Oakfield Park		
	Team 1	Team 2
PITCH 1 – U14’S	Wigston Youth	Wigston Youth
PITCH 2 – MEN’S & U12’S	Blaby Bulls	Blaby Bulls
PITCH 3 – MINI	Blaby Bulls	Blaby Bulls
PITCH 4 – U13’S	Wigston Youths	Wigston Youths
PITCH 5 – MINI	Blaby Bulls	Blaby Bulls

Northfield Park		
	Team 1	Team 2
PITCH 6	Babyloss Support LLR	

b) Hire Agreement – Terms of Letting

Members considered the ‘Terms of Letting – Playing Fields’ hire agreement for Oakfield and Northfield Parks.

AGREED: No amendments are required to be made to the hire agreements.

c) Sport Facilities & Pitch Fees

Members considered the Football Pitch Hire Fee’s and facilities for the 2021/22 financial year.

RESOLVED: Members approved the following pitch hire fees.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>2020/21 Season</u>	<u>2021/22 Season</u>
Northfield Park Senior Pitch Hire	Blabyloss Support LLR	£0.00 - Charity £250.00 Per Team	£0.00 - Charity £250.00 Per Team
Oakfield Park Junior Pitch Hire & Changing Rooms (C & D)	Wigston Youth	Pitch 1 = £325.00 Pitch 2 = £325.00	Pitch 1 = £325.00 Pitch 2 = £325.00
Oakfield Park Pitch & Changing Rooms (A & B)	Blaby Bullets	Zone A = £300.00 Zone B = £300.00	Zone A = £300.00 Zone B = £300.00
Community Room	All Teams	No change	Offer the use of the Community Room on match days free of charge for 1 year only. There are approx. 15 Sundays per season – 9.45am – 1.30pm
Metal Store (With Electric)	Per Team	No change	Offer the use of the Metal Store

			free of charge for 1 year only.
Pre-Season Friendly/Cup Games (Plus VAT – Only 2 games allowed per team)		£30.00	£30.00
Individual Booking (Per Game + VAT)		£30.00	£30.00
<u>Out of Season Matches + VAT.</u>			
Own Team		£40.00	£40.00
Outside Team		£55.00	£55.00

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9. TO REPORT UPDATE ON FUNERAL DIRECTOR COMPLAINT

Members have been issued with an update on the complaint received from a local funeral director. The report is noted.

AGREED: The manager is to acknowledge the letter and is given authority to seek advice from the insurance company with regards to the letter of complaint.

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10. CORRESPONDENCE - None

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11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER ISSUE OF AGENDA - None.

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12. CHAIRMAN'S TIME

Thank you all for attending.

MEETING CLOSED: 7.54PM