

BLABY PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE ESTATES & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
Virtual Zoom Meeting Held at 7.00pm on
Tuesday, 28th April 2020

PRESENT: Mrs S Skeemer (Chairman),
Mr P Akroyd, Mrs M Broomhead, Mr A Gullick, Mr G Harding, Mr P Muton,
Mrs S McFadden, Mr M Wareham, Miss L Bolton, Miss L Withers (Assistant Manager),
Mrs V Jepson (Manager) & 0 Parishioners.

INVITED BUT NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Mr M Harbot

- EC.489 **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Apologies for absence are received from Cllr L Bolton, the reason for which is approved.
- EC.490 **2. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSAIONS 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 G Harding | Burial Rights | Personal |
| Mr P Muton | Burial Rights | Personal |
| Mrs S Skeemer | Burial Rights | Personal |
- EC.491 **3. TO REPORT UPDATE ON AGREED ACTIONS FROM THE LAST COMMITTEE MEETING**
- EC.468 – Allotments**
ACTION: The Allotment Society circulated the email from The Litter Wombles amongst the committee and a 'Fly Tipping' poster and pictures has been put on the allotment shed.
- EC.470 – Social Events**
ACTION: Quotation has been sourced and added to the entertainment package.
ACTION: All agreed actions were carried out, however due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Summer Fun Day has been cancelled and all suppliers have been informed.
- EC.473 – Cemetery**
ACTION: The Council sought advice from LRALC, this matter is still ongoing.
- EC.474 – Community Resilience Plan**
ACTION: The Community Resilience Plan shopping list was sent off but due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the delivery has now been postponed until further notice.
- EC.475 – Park Hire Agreements**
ACTION: All documents have been amended to include the increase of cost to commercial hire bonds.

EC.476 – Tequila Circus

ACTION: Peterborough Council was contacted but they failed to provide any information. Instead, Kettering Football Club were contacted and advised on their cost to hire.

EC.477 – Grass Cutting

ACTION: The Manager appointed a new contractor to carry out the grass cutting contract for 2020 priced at £5,760.00 + VAT, so far, they have done a brilliant job.

EC.479 – Hanging Baskets & Floral Displays

ACTION: Nest Estate Agents were contacted and agreed to sponsor the floral display, however due to the Covid-19 pandemic, they are having to see if it is a cost they can afford. We are waiting to hear from them.

EC.481 – Lutterworth Road Red Hedge

ACTION: A letter was hand delivered to all residents surrounding the Red Hedge before works commenced.

EC.483 – Santander Discovery Day Project

ACTION: Site visit to be rescheduled due to Covid-19 pandemic.

EC.484 – Keep Britain Tidy

ACTION: Project details were confirmed. However, projects have now been postponed due to Covid-19 pandemic.

EC.487 – Beat the Street

ACTION: The fee was initially accepted; however, the event has now been cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.

EC.492

4. MANAGER'S REPORT

Lutterworth Road Hedge

The old red hedge along Lutterworth Road has been removed and replaced with a new one.

The Crescent – New Surface

The new surface under the slide at the Crescent Play Area has been completed.

Oakfield Park – New Surface & Swings

The new swings have been installed on Oakfield Park but the surface underneath the Rocket and Igloo has not yet been completed due to the ground being so wet, this job will be completed when the weather is warmer.

Barrier

The replacement barrier was fitted on Tuesday, 17th March.

New Multi Play Unit

The multi play unit has been installed.

Summer Holiday Sports Club

£5,260 has been received from the National Community Lottery Fund. This is for free sports holiday club for primary school children in Blaby but has now been postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

EC.493

5. TO CONSIDER ENDERBY ROAD ALLOTMENTS

a) Anti-Social Behaviour

Members' were issued with a report regarding antisocial behaviour that has been taking place at the allotments between allotment tenants and a resident.

AGREED: Members' agreed that no further action is required at this time.

b) Inspections

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the allotment inspections have been put on hold for the foreseeable future.

EC.494

6. TO CONSIDER BLABY CEMETERY

a) Headstone Enquiry

All members were issued with a copy of a letter from a deed holder at the cemetery regarding an appeal against the removal of his memorial stones, due to them not conforming to Blaby Parish Council's rules and regulations.

AGREED: Members' agreed that as this is a fault of the memorial mason's, they should take responsibility and resolve the issue for the client. Blaby Parish Council's rules and regulations still apply.

b) Burial Plot Purchase

Blaby Parish Council have been contacted by a non-parishioner who own a burial plot at the cemetery. They are hoping to move away from Leicester and wish to sell their plot back to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: Members' are happy to buy the plot back at its purchase price of £2,000.00.

c) Transfer of Deed Enquiry

At the last Estates and Community Committee meeting, members discussed an issue regarding a resident's ownership of a plot at Blaby Cemetery. Blaby Parish Council also sought legal advice.

AGREED: Write to the resident with all proof of documentation and see how they wish to proceed.

EC.495 **7. TO CONSIDER IMPROVEMENTS FOR BLABY VILLAGE CENTRE**

Member’s discussed what improvements they would like to see in the Blaby Village Centre. It was agreed members would like to see better signage, more seating and greenery and new slabs in the precinct. Members’ would like to see a community consultation take place.

EC.496 **8. TO REPORT UPDATE ON VE DAY CLOCK FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

At the last Estates & Community committee meeting members were informed of the following funding applications submitted for the VE Day clocks: -

Blaby District Council Community Grants

This application has been declined.

Severn Trent Community Fund

This application has been progressed to the next stage.

Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) Community Foundation

Decision due mid-April.

The clocks were due to be installed on 28th and 29th April, in time for VE Day but this has now been postponed. Blaby Parish Council are awaiting permission from the property owners of the Forge Corner building to have a power supply installed for the clock.

EC.497 **9. TO CONSIDER QUOTATIONS RECEIVED FOR ANNUAL PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS**

The following price is for all five park inspections, to include Northfield Park, Oakfield Park, The Crescent, Scouting Way and Beaver Park.

<u>Quotation 1</u>	<u>Quotation 2</u>	<u>Quotation 3</u>
<p>To be carried out by an independent specialist not connected with the playground operator or owner. Essentially, we are looking at vandalism, wear and tear, long term structural problems, standards compliance and design, along with risk assessment etc. This report essentially covers the overall safety of the playground.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>£337.50 + VAT</u></p>	<p>The company will again offer inspection and advisory services to councils, village halls and schools but our charges must now be raised from the level set in 2001.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>£625.00 + VAT</u></p>	<p>We would charge £110 per park, Total of all 5 parks £550.00 This is for a one-off annual Inspection per park.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>£550.00 + VAT</u></p>

RESOLVED: Members agreed to accept quotation number one at a cost of £337.50 + VAT.

EC.498 **10. TO CONSIDER SUBSCRIPTIONS**

a) Fields in Trust Membership Renewal

Our Fields in Trust annual membership is due for renewal priced at £65.00.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to renew the Fields in Trust Membership at a cost of £65.00.

EC.499 **11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER ISSUE OF AGENDA**

a) VE Day Celebrations at Home

Members were issued with correspondence about VE Day celebrations at home.

EC.500 **12. CHAIRMAN'S TIME.**

Thank you all for attending and I hope you're all keeping well and safe.

MEETING CLOSED: 7:37PM