

## MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 6:00pm

Main Hall, Old School Building, Main Street, Burton Joyce

## MINUTES

**Present:** Cllrs G Hadjigeorgiou (Chair) P Hyde (Vice Chair) R Fife, H Chadbourne-Doyle and Y Greenfield

**In attendance:** J Sherrin (Clerk) D List (Grounds & Amenities Manager) J Sylvester (Chair of GHA) and Cllr T Hazard

**AM25/513**      **Apologies for Absence** - None

**AM25/514**      **Council members' declaration of interests for items on the agenda** – Cllrs Hyde and Fife have allotments

**AM25/515**      **Minutes of meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025** – Approved as a true record and signed by the Chair

**AM25/516**      **Matters arising from previous meeting not covered in the agenda** – Grounds & Amenities Manager is still chasing the tree survey as it has not yet been carried out. Allotment numbering, target to do by end of year. The Grove decking benches, still on 'to do' list (broken planks to go to GHA chair for allotment). Picnic benches in poor state - agreed to take one of the OSB picnic benches there. (Agreed for all 5 to go to the Grove whilst garden works are being undertaken, but will need to be brought back once complete). Wedding enquiry, G&AM not heard back from them. War Memorial box hedge has revived and no longer needs to be replaced. Portacabin – wet weather job. Cemetery testing - programme for end of year. Grass verge identified as on corner of St Helen's Grove. Not BJPC responsibility, has now been cut by NCC.

**AM25/517**      **Allotments**

- (i)      **GHA Update** –Issues with vehicular access to the allotment via the farm gate on Station Road had been encountered when the police tried to access. Access is often required at weekends. GHA Chair will put his phone number on the closed Facebook group so tenants can contact him. An application is being made to the Lottery Fund for £20k – anticipate will be for scouting groups - GHA Chair to come back to the committee when project ideas further developed.
- (ii)      **Waiting List and Inspections** - 14 days' notice for unkempt plots has now passed, so plots are being let out to new tenants. Re-inspection of 9 plots still to take place on 6<sup>th</sup> August. 2 people have been shown around by GHA Chair. Plots in poor state may be provided FoC until 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 to assist in getting them back to workable condition. Deposit will still be required and forfeited if left in poor state.

**AM25/518**      **Roberts Recreation Ground**

- (i)      **RoSPA report reviewed** – No immediate actions required. General maintenance issues identified in the report still to be dealt with over coming months. Quotes for fencing and surfacing to be followed up once Operations Manager / RFO starts. Jungle mulch surfacing around the slide at the

playground in Woodborough to be explored as possible solution to issues with surfacing around the wide slide.

- (ii) **Recent reported accident on titan swing** – noted. Clerk advised that the section of RoSPA report identifying that it had been recently inspected and passed as safe to use had been shared with the injured party. G&AM noted that the button swing had been removed due to concerns that it swings out and could injure someone – agreed to keep it off.
- (iii) **Signage upgrade and replacement** – Clerk to investigate updated signage for front of park to include “what three words” to identify location in case of any incident or accident. No requirement for RoSPA report to be displayed – available to anyone requesting it.

**AM25/519 War Memorial**

- (i) Update on hedge and other maintenance – as AM25/516 above.
- (ii) Bin issue – Response from GBC noted. G&AM noted that GBC always used to empty it and it has a GBC logo on it. Clerk to request that GBC site a new bin by the bus stop and copy Cllr S Smith into request. Once this is in place the old broken one may be removed.

**AM25/520 Cemetery**

- (i) Maintenance Update – all in order
- (ii) Dogs in cemetery concern – Noted frequent use of the cemetery by person walking dogs and throwing sticks. Considered disrespectful to visitors to the cemetery. Recognised that people may still wish to bring dogs with them to visit graves. Clerk to order 2no. “Dogs on leads” signs. Most recent ‘Dog Control Order’ statutes to also be reviewed.

**AM25/521 The Grove**

- (i) Maintenance update – See item AM25/516 above.
- (ii) Bins and benches – request for more frequent emptying. Approved. G&AM to instigate twice weekly emptying in the summer months. Benches to be repaired.

**AM25/522 Old School Building** - Maintenance Update, including doors and locks. Locks still awaiting replacement as locksmith on holiday. Clerk to get quote from local door supplier to replace door at top of ramp. Noted hand rail also needs to be replaced.

**AM25/523 Phone Box Defibrillator** – Cllr T Hazard presented options to purchase a new cover following his recent conversations with the Community Heartbeat Trust. Approved to buy new cover at a cost of £550. Clerk to action.

**AM25/524 Information update** – Cllr Chadbourne-Doyle noted that an orienteering event on horseback was due to take place 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> August and people are discouraged from dog walking along the river Trent that weekend.

**AM25/525 Date of next meeting** – 15<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair of Amenities Committee

Date: \_\_\_\_\_