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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
**LEISURE, EVENTS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**  
HELD Online using ZOOM secure video conference  
ON 4 MAY 2021 at 8.00 PM

**Present:** Cllr Montague – In the Chair  
Amanda Gardiner – Administrative Officer  
James Townley – Grounds Maintenance Manager

Cllrs Benner, Crabtree, Hughes, Panju, Vassiliou, Whitmore

In Attendance: Cllrs Gallagher and Cole

Voting Members: 9

Members of the Public: 0

**LEE1630/21 Apologies for Absence**

All members were present

**LEE1631/21 Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman recommended that any declarations of interest be made, if necessary, throughout the meeting.

**LEE1632/21 Representations from the Public**

No representations were made.

**LEE1633/21 Minutes**

Members had no comments regarding the Minutes.

**Resolved:**

- That the Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 2 March 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

**LEE1634/21 Matters Arising**

Cllr Cole requested an update on the Sunflower Competition. Cllr Benner confirmed that seeds had been delivered to the 4 primary schools to grow at the school and for each child to take home. The Administrative Officer also confirmed that Residents were coming to the Parish Office to pick up seeds.

**LEE1635/21 Ranger's Update**

The Grounds Maintenance Manager gave an update on the activities completed by the Rangers. In addition to their regular activities, he gave the following updates:

- Footpath 14 wildflower meadow installation. On Friday Pictorial Meadows came and have sown the meadow with seed, area has been fenced off and hopefully we will start seeing some growth in the next few weeks.
- Stone's Orchard gateway - removed old trip hazards that have appeared, flattened the area off and reseeded some bare patches of earth.
- Orchard apple trees, one particularly old ill health tree has had a fence erected around it. Although the tree will eventually die, an attempt has been made to preserve and make it safer while retaining as valuable deadwood

habitat. The tree will increase biodiversity in the orchard and serve as an example of the life cycle of trees.

- Wassail tree has had a small prop installed beneath it in order to help support its leaning weight. It would be a shame to lose this valuable tree prematurely, so hopefully the wooden prop will add support during inclement weather and increase its lifespan.
- Wildlife camera - have captured numerous videos of our badgers in the Orchard and these have been posted on social media. Camera will be moved to a new area shortly.
- Built new raised allotment beds and polytunnel beds in Malvern way school.
- Allotment beds topped up, keeping them in condition for when pre school allotment opens.
- First grass cut in Stone's Orchard has been undertaken.
- Tidying cut on the Green along the verges, possibly first cut today.
- Multi Sports Court in Barton Way has had a number of areas of fence panelling cut out after they were damaged during the lock down. The clerk has approached 3 rivers regarding replacing the fencing.
- Next couple of weeks we will begin hedge cutting along the footpaths to keep them tidy.
- Litter pick for earth day was a great success – over 100 children and parents litter picked 200kg.
- Created and installed plywood painted easter eggs around Croxley Green. The easter egg hunt was a great success and over 200 chocolate easter eggs were issued to residents who completed the egg hunt.

#### **LEE1636/21 Litter Reduction Sub-Committee**

Chairman provided a verbal update from the Litter Reduction Sub-Committee. Chairman advised Members that the litter pick event on Earth Day 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021 was a success with over 100 children and parents taking part, collecting 200kg of litter. Chairman also advised Members that a graphic designer had been selected to create the artwork to be used on fast food packaging and in outlets to remind people to put their rubbish in the bin. Members agreed to hold a Community Litter Pick event on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021 10 am to 1 pm to coincide with the Keep Britain Tidy Great British Spring Clean.

#### **LEE1637/21 Unauthorised Encampment Prevention**

The Grounds Maintenance Manager introduced the paper on unauthorised encampment prevention. The Parish Council is responsible for clean-up costs following unauthorised encampments on The Green and in Stone's Orchard. Over the last 2 years it has cost £2,450 to clear waste left behind. Options to prevent unauthorised encampments include extending the bunding along the Revels site of The Green and installing removable bollards behind the gate.

Members discussed options for protecting The Green and Stone's Orchard but felt that non-protected areas might then become appealing for unauthorised encampment. Members expressed concerns about paying to install prevention measures on land that the Parish Council does not own. Members agreed that the recommendations are presented to TRDC.

#### **Resolved:**

- That the Parish Council
  - Approaches Three Rivers District Council to request that the earth bunding on The Green be extended.
  - Approaches Three Rivers District Council to request that preventative bollards be installed in Stone's Orchard.

- Offers to fund 50% of the total cost of the project, up to a total of £6,000.

**LEE1638/21 Barton Way Multi Sports Complex**

The Administrative Officer read out an update from The Clerk on the MSC:-

The MSC Fence is damaged and no longer cost effective to patch it up. MSC repair costs are shared between TRDC 2/3 and PC 1/3.

Meeting was held with 2 TRDC officers

- They are very keen to get the space updated but have no money to do anything until at least 2022 at the earliest.
- Advised them that the PC has funds available and would be willing to take over full responsibility. Nothing back from TRDC on this since.
- TRDC have said they will be removing the yellow metal gym equipment and replacing it with something new, also fitness related.

The Parish Council have put new nets on the basketball hoops.

**LEE1639/21 Events 2021**

The Chairman introduced the topic of Events 2021 and members reviewed the plan for this year. The COVID-19 Lockdown means that it is not possible to hold the Revels and Classic Cars on the The Green. As covid restrictions ease (17<sup>th</sup> May and 21<sup>st</sup> June) we will look to run outdoor events that can be organised quickly e.g. a scavenger hunt and community picnic.

**LEE1640/21 LEE Budget Tracker Report 2021/22**

LEE Budget Tracker Report 2021/22 was reviewed. Members identified events and activities that are not going ahead in 2021/22 due to COVID-19 and discussed options for events that could go ahead later in the year.

**LEE1641/21 Closure**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:15pm