

LEICESTER FOREST EAST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parks, Hall, Events and LiFE Magazine Committee Meeting on Tuesday 7th November 2023, held in the Parish Hall, Kings Drive, Leicester Forest East commencing at 8.07pm.

Present: D. Di Palma (Chair) D. Dawes (Vice-Chair) P. Kitchen C. Wells
M. Bozzoni R. Darlison

Mrs H. E. Mann – Clerk to the Council

PH&E 23.79 To receive apologies for absence
None.

PH&E 23.80 To receive disclosures of interest in accordance with the code of conduct
Cllr. Wells declared an interest in agenda item PH&E 23.83 (e)

PH&E 23.81 To adjourn the meeting to receive questions from members of the public
None.

PH&E 23.82 To confirm the minutes of the Parks, Hall, Events and LiFE Magazine Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd October 2023 as a true and accurate record
Resolution: The Committee resolved to accept the minutes of the Parks, Hall, Events and LiFE Magazine Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd October 2023 as a true and accurate record.

Clerk to remove the word draft from the minutes of the Parks, Hall, Events and LiFE Magazine Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd October 2023 as a true and accurate record

PH&E 23.83 To discuss matters arising from those minutes:
(a) To discuss alterations to the Parish Office and consider architects final drawings
The final drawings are awaited so the Clerk will add this agenda item to the Council meeting.

(b) To consider the Autumn edition of LiFE magazine – distribution will be w/c 13.11.2023
Several amendments were made to LiFE magazine and sent to Norwood press during the meeting.

(c) To consider budget items for 2023/2024 budget
None to add at this meeting.

(d) To consider potential funding for a community orchard and associated issues. Also, to consider the locations for the 50 free trees promised by LCC.

50 free trees will be collected by the Clerk on 4th December from Leicestershire County Council. There are also further trees coming which will be paid for by the Coronation Living Heritage Fund. The Clerk and a Councillor will have a meeting, on-site, with LCC next week to finalise the orchard plans.

Clerk to inform LCC that it would be willing to be a flagship Coronation Living Heritage Fund orchard site.

Cllr. Wells declared an interest in agenda item PH&E 23.83 (e) and left the meeting at 8.24pm.

(e) To consider adding a battery to the solar panels at the Parish Hall and whether the Parish Hall could be switched from gas to electric heating

Clerk to keep 'To consider adding a battery to the solar panels at the Parish Hall and whether the Parish Hall could be switched from gas to electric heating' on agenda and establish if funding is available from Blaby District Council.

Cllr. Wells re-entered the room at 8.29pm.

PH&E 23.84 To discuss Forest East Park, Kings Walk Park and Spinney matters:

(a) To receive quotes to scarify the wildflower garden ahead of planting the wildflower seed
Clerk to add scarification to 2024-2025 budget instead of to council agenda and contact companies who quoted to let them know of this.

(b) To consider whether the Parish Council should decide whether the football pitches are too waterlogged to be played on
Resolution: The football clubs will be told, on an ad hoc basis, if the pitches are too waterlogged to play on. This will generally be on a Thursday but may be on the day. This will be done either by a Council member of staff or a Councillor.

Clerk to inform Epworth and CEL Sports of the decision re water-logged pitches.

(c) To consider how to tackle the repeated issue of football goal pins being left on the playing fields
Clerk to email Epworth, explain the Council does not want them to have direct contact with the grounds maintenance contractor and explain that all goal pins must be counted in and out after every use.

(d) To consider tree surveys
Resolution: The Committee resolved to accept the quote from Arboreco to remove the dead birch tree (urgent work) for £150.00 plus VAT.

Clerk to ask Arboreco to quote for priority 1 works and add priority 2 and below works to budget for 2024-2025. Also, add the priority 2 and below to the plan of works to be actioned in the next financial year according to their priority on the reports.

(e) To consider fly tipping issue in bin on cut through to Galahad Close
Resolution: To purchase a small, post mounted bin for the cut through to Lancelot Close (Galahad typed in error) and to move the freestanding bin to the other corner of the playing field to replace the broken dog waste bin.

(f) To consider planting a row of trees on Kings Walk Park
Resolution: the committee resolved not to plant trees down the middle of Kings walk Park.

(g) To consider moving the location of the bench on Forest East Park which is being moved from the wildflower garden
The Committee decided to stick with its original decision on bench location at Kings walk Park.

(h) To consider whether the Council would let people buy a tree in the new community orchard and have a plaque added nearby to remember loved ones
Clerk to keep 'To consider whether the Council would let people buy a tree in the new community orchard and have a plaque added nearby to remember loved ones' on the agenda and one Cllr. Agreed to look into the possibility of brass plaques.

PH&E 23.85 To discuss other Parks and Hall Matters

(a) To consider quote to replace broken bollard at entrance to Parish Hall

Resolution: The Committee resolved not to replace the broken bollard at the entrance to the Parish Hall.

PH&E 23.86 Events
No updates.

PH&E 23.87 Date of next Meeting
Tuesday 5th December

Meeting closed at 9.03pm.