

Minutes of a meeting of the Leisure and Maintenance Committee, Eastwood Town Council held on Monday 28 September 2009 in the Council Chamber, Town Council Offices, Nottingham Road Eastwood, Nottinghamshire.

Present. Cllr D Bagshaw, Cllr Hazel Charlesworth, Cllr R Charlesworth, Cllr Mrs J Forrest, Cllr B Griffin, Cllr K Longdon, Cllr Rayner Robb and Cllr C Robb.

Cllr B Charlesworth in the chair

LM 08/10 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr R Dodge, Cllr Mrs G Robb (substitute Cllr Rayner Robb), Cllr J Kenny and Cllr J Zalewski.

LM 09/10 Declaration of interest

Declarations of interest were made by the following Councillors,

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Item of Business</u>	<u>Personal/Prejudicial</u>
Cllr B Griffin	Allotments (3 items)	Personal
Cllr D Bagshaw	Allotments (3 items)	Personal
Cllr D Bagshaw	Office Equipment	Personal

LM 10/10 Garden Services 2009

The Town Clerk reported that up to the date of this meeting the following visits had been completed.

Received first visit	69
Received second visit	69
Received third visit	63
Received four visit	9

The Town Clerk further reported council costs compound with the approved budget figures were as follows:-

Budget	£7350
Actual cost total	£7190

Cllr B Griffin reported that he had continued to monitor the service and had no complaints from residents. Where problems had been mentioned to Cllr B Griffin, they were unrelated to the Gardening Service.

The Town Clerk mentioned that only a few gardens remained to be completed

and this should be accomplished during the coming week.

After a discussion the reports were NOTED and the Councillors recorded it's appreciation to Cllr B Griffin for his monitoring work.

LM11/10 Derby Road Allotments

The Town Clerk reported that the top allotment had now been virtually cleared of rubbish and work had commenced upon digging over the now exposed soil. When this was completed the plot would be offered to applicants on the waiting list. In this connection the Town Clerk suggested that consideration be given to dividing this plot into 2 or 3 smaller plots to be offered to new tenants.

After a discussion it was resolve to divide the plot into 2 plots for progressive letting i.e. subject to satisfactory cultivation work, the new tenants be offered a transfer to full plots as and when they become vacant.

LM12/10 Allotment Waiting List

The Town Clerk reported that the waiting list for allotments currently stood at 23 most of which were willing to consider both allotment sites.

In accordance with the Committees current policy, future applications were being turned down for adding to the list at present.

The Town Clerk also reported that a resident had asked that in view of the increasing demand for allotment gardens the Town Council should investigate the option of providing additional allotments on a different site.

Cllr D Bags haw expressed his opposition to this suggestion and reminded the meeting that private residential gardens owned by elderly /disabled which were overgrown and uncultivated offered an alternative provision to people who wanted garden facilities. This option was being used in other areas and he suggested that investigations be carried out to establish the detailed arrangements He also suggested that an advertisement might be placed in the local newspaper inviting interest from anyone who would be willing to offer their gardens for cultivation by people needing allotment facilities

After a discussion it was agreed to investigate this option and to insert an appropriate advertisement in the local press.

LM13/10 Dovecote Road Allotments

Cllr B Griffin reported that following a request from the Town Clerk, he had, in company with an experienced allotment tenant examined the water supply system, with particular reference to the water flow recording meter. This

investigation was essential following the excessively large quarterly water bill recently received. After trials the conclusion reached was that the meter was accurately recording the flow of the water to the taps on the allotment site. The only conclusion was that taps have been left running by persons, whose identification was unknown. The water bill in question has been paid.

After a discussion the reports were NOTED.

LM14/10 Office equipment

The Town Clerk reported that the new copying machine had now been installed and was operating up to the specification. The old machine had been sent back.

The meeting NOTED this report

LM14/10 Broxtowe Borough Council – Greening Event

The Town Clerk circulated to Councillors an invitation received from the Borough Council Town for Councillors to attend a greening campaign meeting at the Town Hall Beeston on 21st October 2009. The campaign's objective is to help motivate people to reduce energy consumption and thereby lower their personal and community carbon footprint.

After a discussion it was agreed that any Councillor wishing and able to attend the meeting be authorised to do so.

LM15/10 Broxtowe Borough Council – Free Trees

The Town Clerk reported that the Borough Council was planning to giveaway 400 native trees to Borough residents this autumn. Details of the scheme had been circulated to all Councillors.

The report and information was NOTED by the meeting

LM16/10 Town Christmas Tree

The Town Clerk reported that the Borough Councils officers were exploring alternative options for re location of the Town Christmas Tree after the closure of the Borough Councils office at the junction of Nottingham Road and Plumpton Way. Town Councillors suggestion had been invited.

After a discussion it was agreed to suggest that the first choice for the alternative site would be the raised dais in front of Eastwood Library, but this might not be possible during the current year because of events planned for the 2009 Christmas Lights switch on evening. A second option might be the current site with agreement from Nottinghamshire Constabulary. The third option was the top

of Plumtre Way in front of the war memorial. It was noted that in respect of all three sites such things as safe electrical mains service and public safety arrangements around the base of the tree were vital elements to be considered.

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting.