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Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee which was held on Tuesday 4th February 2025 commencing at 19.00 in the Radcliffe Room, The Grange, Vicarage Lane, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham NG12 2FB.

Members Present:

Cllr Sue Clegg	Cllr Phil Thomas	Cllr Kirsty Hyndes
Cllr Anne McLeod	Cllr Tracie Bere	Cllr Lesa Gilbert
CIIr Annie McKenzie (Sanders)	Cllr Alice Tomlinson	Cllr Oli Bere
Cllr Matt Douglas		

Also present:	6 members of the public
Staff present:	Hayley Gandy (Interim Clerk)

	Agenda	
	Chair's Welcome Happy to have an amenities committee meeting again. Lots of items have recently been sent to Full council instead of this committee. Item 55 to be moved forward to after item 52.	
	Open Forum Wished to thank the Clerk for the public papers now being available. Reported that the streetwise report is not very good. A defibrillator installed at the Harlequin estate is very welcome and has received positive comments, however it is an old model and needs to be kept to 0c in a heated cabinet which this is not.	
AC25-048	Apologies for absence Cllr Furniss - accepted	
AC25-049	Declaration of members interests and dispensation from non-participation None	

AC25-050	To determine which items on the agenda, if any, require the exclusion of public and press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 1 (2) None required
AC25-051	To approve the minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 1st October 2024 The committee resolved to approve the minutes of the Amenities committee held on 1st October 2025 - carried Action - clerk to upload to website
AC25-052	To note a verbal update from the Conservation Group The Conservation group reported that trees which were paid for in autumn have been planted and 2nd batch of trees to be picked up shortly with planting next week.
AC25-053	To note a verbal update from Clerk The clerk reported that the parts for the swings have arrived and works are to start on 11th February to repair the swings. Ground staff have been doing lots of pruning in Rockley park.
AC25-054	To note a verbal report on the Skate Park and support initiatives Cllr Tomlinson reported that she has had several meetings at the skatepark with users, including parents and grandparents as well as the 16-35 demographic. They have once again asked when the skatepark will be sealed, we need to get on with this. Access to the park was also discussed. They are thrilled with the steps but would still like to see better access from the carpark to the park. When people walk from the carpark over the grass they then bring mud onto the park which is a problem. The users have asked if there is anywhere at the pavilion that could be used to store cleaning equipment such as brushes. The users are happy to tidy the park every weekend but most of them don't have a car and they would really like to be able to sweep up glass and rubbish independently, I think this is something that should very much be supported - any vandalism would always be reported and photographed. Maybe a lockable storage shed. It only needs to be good enough for a couple of brushes. Graffiti remover maybe and clothes. A few years ago, we started the Skatepark garden. The users were wondering if that's something they could start up again, would it be a problem, it's just under the trees. I am going to be starting up a lunchtime club at school aimed at our more disadvantaged students. The club would design a graffiti wall art that could be painted by a professional graffiti artist on the back of the skatepark. I would like to be able to set up some skate lessons for the Easter holidays, I have a contact who would like to provide this. The Committee noted this report.
AC25-055	To note the draft management plans for Dewberry Hill and Lily ponds and form a working group. Hover over the underlined text for paper - item brought forward

	draft Management plans - the text has been split up and pictures missing. Working group to meet in March to discuss further. Paul Philips of RBC environment keen to participate in a meeting. Meeting to be confirmed. The committee noted the draft plans and that a working group already exists.
AC25-056	To consider and approve tree planting at Wharf Lane recreation ground. After a detailed discussion the committee unanimously resolved to approve the idea and make further investigation and coordinate with the CCTV working group in respect of location.
AC25-057	To consider and approve the painting of the play equipment at Wharf Lane. The committee unanimously resolved to approve the painting of the play equipment at Wharf Lane subject to explanation of old paint removal and to approve the spend to £7500 Action - Cllr Gilbert to make enquiries
AC25-058	To consider and approve the planting of infill plants for the hedge at Valley Road Cllr O Bere commented that this is already on the asset plan. It was noted that fencing and gates in this area would be a big cost. It was unanimously approved to go ahead and infill the gaps in the fence and revisit filling in the bigger gaps in the park.
AC25-059	To note the Streetwise Playground Operational Inspection report The committee noted the report. The committee would like to look into alternative reports as not impressed with this one.
AC25-060	To consider contract renewal with Streetwise for bins and playground inspections. The new contract is lower than last year's contract. The Committee resolved to request a revised quote to deduct Grange and Rockley Park with requesting staff to empty in these areas - carried Action - Clerk to ask Streetwise for revised quote
AC25-061	To consider planting around the play area fence at Wharf Lane to complete the project. Clerk reported that the Wharf Lane Play ground project is nearly complete but there was outstanding planting to be done around the fencing. The committee unanimously resolved to raise the ground to the fence and plant grass and spring bulbs
AC25-062	To consider looking for ergonomically and environmentally friendly play equipment options The committee resolved to suggest to the play grounds working group to investigate ergonomic play equipment.
AC25-063	To note working group updates if any
AC25-064	To receive any items for notification to be included on a future agenda – for information only Fencing at back of Valley Road play area - public consultation to be obtained

To note the date and time of the next Amenities Committee meeting on 13 May 2025 commencing at 19:00 in the Radcliffe Room, The Grange, Vicarage Lane, Radcliffe on Trent, Nottingham, NG12 2FB.
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The meeting closed at 20.38
Signed as a true record of the Meeting:
Dated
Presiding chair of approving meeting