

**MINUTES OF THE GROBY PARISH COUNCIL ESTATES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD 6th FEBRUARY 2025 HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES COMMENCING AT 2 PM**

Members Present: Cllr L Emmerson (Chair) Cllr S Beck Cllr C York
Cllr K Griffiths Cllr C Lincoln Cllr L Trivett

Also, Present: Parish Clerk
Grounds & Maintenance Manager and Assistant Manager
Members of the Public – 0

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed Martin Johnson, the newly appointed Grounds & Maintenance Manager.

EC/079/24-25 To receive apologies for absence and to record absences
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr G Baker. It was **RESOLVED** to accept these apologies.

EC/080/24-25 To receive any disclosure of interests from members to any matter pertaining to the agenda
There were none.

EC/081/24-25 To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Estates Committee held on 5th December 2024
It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting of the Estates Committee held on 5th December 2024 be signed as a true and accurate record.

EC/082/24-25 Public Participation
There was none.

EC/083/24-25 Grounds and Maintenance Manager’s Report
The Grounds and Maintenance Manager read out his report which detailed:

- i. A fallen tree on Marina Park which had been made safe. The brash would be removed once the ground conditions had improved.
- ii. Continuation of winter pruning programme
- iii. Pathways within Cowpen Spinney were being built, using edging boards and wood chippings
- iv. Emergence of mole hills on Quarry Park. A mole had been caught which should resolve the situation.
- v. A copping programme in the woodland had started, creating woodchip for pathways along with making small stacks for mammals/insects. Before and after photographs would be presented to the Committee at the next meeting.
- vi. The graffiti on Marina Park would be removed as soon as the necessary equipment had arrived.

EC/084/24-25 Clerk’s Report – To receive updates on

- i. **Completed and outstanding tree work in Cowpen Spinney**
Members were informed that 3 Oak trees had now been felled in Cowpen Spinney however the crown reduction to a further 2 Oak trees was still outstanding and would be carried out shortly which would complete the required works. This was **NOTED**.

- ii. **Anti-social behaviour on Marina Park**
The Clerk informed members that in addition to the graffiti on Marina Park, further incidents of anti-social behaviour had occurred resulting in the ground being churned up by tyre tracks. It was understood that these were from electric bikes / scooters. The incidents had been reported to the police. This was **NOTED**.

- iii. **HBBC’s Community Equipment Fund**
The Clerk informed members that the signage for Beacon Field had now been ordered and release of the Community Equipment Funding from Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council could now be requested. This was **NOTED**.

EC/085/24-25 Correspondence – HBBC Environmental Improvement Programme 2025-26

Correspondence from Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council detailing funding available as part of their Environmental Improvement Programme was included in members' packs and discussed.

It was **AGREED** that the restoration of the Orchard Close Allotment Wall would meet the required heritage criteria and could be a suitable project but that this would be dependent on the amount of Parish Council funding that would be required.

It was **AGREED** to contact HBBC and enquire how much match funding would be required by the Parish Council and to bring back to the next meeting.

EC/086/24-25 Parks and Open Spaces

i. To organise the next Community Litter Pick Event

Information regarding The Great British Spring Clean 2025 taking place from 21st March to 6th April 2025 was received.

It was **RESOLVED** to schedule the next Community Litter Pick Event for Saturday 5th April 2025 between 10am – 12pm to coincide with the Great British Spring Clean 2025

ii. To receive an update on the delivery of trees in relation to the Woodland Trust Free Tree Scheme

Members were informed that the delivery of the 420 free trees from the Woodland Trust Scheme was scheduled between 24th February to 7th March 2025. It was **AGREED** to contact Bradgate Rotary Club in relation to their offer to help plant the trees.

iii. To receive an update on completed and ongoing Section 106 projects

An update on completed and ongoing Section 106 projects was provided and this was **NOTED**.

iv. To discuss and consider quotations for a Traversing Wall on Marina Park (Section 106 project)

A report detailing quotations from 4 play equipment companies for the installation of a Traversing Wall on Marina Park was included in members' packs. The report highlighted the remaining Section 106 monies which were available for the project and it was **NOTED** that all of the quotations fell within this.

The various options and designs were discussed and it was **AGREED** to discount Company D from further discussions due to the simplistic design and functionality. It was **AGREED** to request additional information from the remaining companies and to defer further discussion to a future meeting.

EC/087/24-25 Groby Cemetery and QEII Rose Garden

i. To discuss and consider the Cemetery Schedule of Fees with effect from 1st April 2025

It was **AGREED to RECOMMEND to Full Council** that, with effect from 1st April 2025, a 5% increase be applied to all charges on the Cemetery Schedule of Fees. Cllr Trivett voted against.

ii. To discuss and consider the QEII Rose Garden Schedule of Fees with effect from 1st April 2025

It was **AGREED to RECOMMEND to Full Council** that, with effect from 1st April 2025, a 5% increase be applied to all charges on the QEII Rose Garden Schedule of Fees.

iii. To consider a quotation for the placing of a memorial plaque by the donated tree in QEII Rose Garden

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the quotation for a memorial plaque to be placed by the donated tree in QEII Rose Garden at a cost of £126.

EC/088/24-25 Date and time of the next meeting

The date and time of the next meeting to be on Thursday 6th March 2025 at 2pm

The meeting closed at 3.25 pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: