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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTWOOD TOWN COUNCIL
Arts and Events Committee
Held at 2.00 pm on Wednesday 4th March 2020

Present: Cllr P. Hamilton (Chair), R. Bullock and R. Woods.
D. Townsend (Town Clerk) and J. Williamson (Deputy Town Clerk).

AE040320/1 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr S. Bagshaw and R. Skellett.

AE040320/2 Variation of Order of Business

None.

AE040320/3 Declaration of Members Interests

None.

AE040320/4 To determine which additional items on any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

None.

AE040320/5 VE DAY - Update on the planned Picnic in the Park.

It was reported that the Clerk had taken part in a couple of meetings with Cllr R Skellett and LLeisure Ltd. In the Clerks view it was clear that theres still a huge amount of work to be carried out including lots of legal documentation to be prepared. The Deputy Clerk and Cllr R Skellett had rung several people to enquire about possible activities and acts for the day and had found that there was little availability at such short notice.

Resolved: Noted. Any further developments would reported to Full Council in due course.

AE040320/6 ALLOTMENTS

a). To discuss the current community allotment holder having extra keys to Derby Road site.

The current community allotment holder had emailed to ask if an extra key could be given to one of his members as they were able to access the plot more frequently than the current once a week for the group. Councillors felt that providing the member signed for and paid a deposit for the key they did not have an issue.

Resolved: Deputy Clerk to contact the allotment owner to advise that an extra key could be given out.

b). To discuss the possibility of 'Eastwood Community Garden' taking out on allotment plot.

The situation with the current community allotment was discussed and Councillors felt that it would not be appropriate to rent another plot to a community group, but rather to speak to the current community group allotment holder and ask about the possibility of them sharing the current plot.

Resolved: The Deputy Clerk to contact the current community allotment holder to discuss the possibility of sharing their plot with the 'Eastwood Community Garden' group.

c). To discuss a request by a plot holder to erect a shed at Dovecote Road site.

Resolved: Deputy Clerk to contact the plot holder to agree to the erection of a new shed within the limits specified in the Allotment Rules and Regulations.

d). To discuss the possibility of creating an 'Allotment Competition'

Cllr R Bullock suggested the introduction of an Allotment Competition. He suggested the possibility of categories such as 'Best Kept Plot', 'Most Environmentally Friendly' etc, with the winners receiving a gift voucher for a local garden centre.

Recommended that an Allotment Competition be introduced. The Deputy Clerk to contact other Parish Councils known to hold such competitions for further information.

The Meeting Closed at 2.30 pm.

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 18th March 2020 at 2pm.