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AMENITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES: of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 27th January 2025 at 18.15, at East Preston Infant School, Lashmar Road, East Preston.

PRESENT: Councillor S Wilkinson (Chairman), Councillor S Toney (Vice-Chairman) Councillor's R McElroy, D Moore, B Gale, C Bowman and E Linton.

ALSO: Dawn Reid (Assistant Clerk to the Council)
Jan Quick (Secretary to Disabled Action Group DAG)
Michal Zarzecki
Sue Morley

APOLOGIES: Councillor K Bradshaw

The meeting opened at 18:15, Councillor Wilkinson (Chairman) welcomed the attendees.

081/25 INTRODUCTIONS

Cllr Wilkinson welcomed all those present.

082/25 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor K Bradshaw (Holiday)

083/25 PERSONAL AND/OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

Councillor Wilkinson asked councillors to declare any Personal/Prejudicial Interest prior to the agenda item being discussed.

Councillor Wilkinson deferred Agenda item 4) To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th November 2024, to the end of the meeting.

Councillor Wilkinson reminded the committee he had attended the October 2024 DAG meeting. At this meeting DAG asked if the committee would reconsider its revised proposal of improvements to the access of the Village Green and the Village Green car-park.

On behalf of DAG, Jan thanked Councillor Wilkinson and Mrs Reid for arranging the meeting. Jan advised the committee that Marion Mitchell, DAG chairman, was unable to attend the Amenities meeting due to evening caring duties.

Councillor Wilkinson advised all present there would be an opportunity for questions after the presentation and suggested the committee should defer discussions and reaching a conclusion to the 10th February 2025 Amenities meeting.

084/24 EAST PRESTON DISABLED ACTION GROUP PRESENTATION - 5) To receive a revised proposal and presentation from the Disabled Action Group (DAG) for improvements to the Village Green access and the Village Green car-park access.

Michal gave an overview of his background and profession as a Landscape Architect. Michal advised he was representing DAG at this meeting and not a DAG committee member. He said access to public open spaces was something very close to his heart and he outlined the values and importance of being able to access open spaces. Michal's presentation included information of the legal framework and Equalities Act 2010.

Michal outlined the proposal to create a pathway along the western boundary which would run all way to the north western corner of the Village Green to the picnic benches. The path would also run across the southern boundary, adjacent to the Boules Piste. Michal gave details of four options of suitable surface materials and gave an overview to the pros and cons of each material. Michal apologised for not having samples of the material for reference. Michael obtained a guide to the cost of installing the proposed path with each material, the cost ranged from £7,000.00 to £18,000.00.

Michal then outlined the suggested improvements for access at the Village Green car-park. It was proposed the designated disabled parking bay be moved to the first bay next to the ticket machine. The access ramp to the ticket machine had a slight drop so the surface should be made level for easier access and the first cycle hoop removed altogether due to it restricting access to the ticket machine.

Michal advised committee that he will provide an electronic copy of his presentation.

Councillor Wilkinson thanked Michal for his presentation. Councillor Wilkinson asked if there were any questions relating to the presentation.

Sue Morley advised there is an example of the rubber much type surface laid at Lashmar Recreation Ground if anyone wishes to see this.

Councillor Bowman asked about the width of the proposed pathway? Michal advised that for the costings he had extended the path to 1800mm but advised 1500mm is sufficient and even 1200mm if turning spaces were provided at each junction.

Councillor McElroy raised his concerns about the affect the access path would have on events being held on the Village Green. The path would restrict the number of stalls and the space available in the centre of the green. This may not be acceptable on the events Risk Assessment and Method Statement (RAMS).

A lengthy discussion took place on the different types and levels of disabilities and the demographics of the population of East Preston. There was also a discussion on the Village Green terrain at certain times of the year.

As there were no further questions regarding the presentation, Councillor Wilkinson thanked Michal, Jan and Sue for attending the meeting.

18.55 JQ, MZ and SM all left the meeting.

085/25 MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES MEETING HELD ON 11th NOVEMBER 2024

The draft minutes had been circulated to all councillors on 26th November 2024, asking for suggested amendments by 3rd December 2024. The committee agreed the minutes as a true record of the meeting, held on 11th November 2024, the minutes were duly signed by Councillor Wilkinson.

The date of the next meeting is 10th February 2025.

The meeting concluded at 19.05 hrs.

Chairman: *S Wilkinson*

Date: 10th February 2025