



Goostrey Parish Council

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the MEETING on MONDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2017

at 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL, COMMITTEE ROOM

1. **Declarations of Interest** – None.
2. **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies for absence were received from Cllr McCubbin.
3. **Minutes of the meeting of 21th November 2016**

Resolved: The Amenities Committee resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting of 21st November as true record of the meeting.

4. **Matters arising from the minutes** – None.
5. **Speedwatch Update – Formulate proposal for upkeep and replacement of SDU's in the Village – GL & IM** – Mike Ball(MB) from Speedwatch to attend for this discussion.

GL summarised the meeting on 24th January with Lee Waterhouse (TWM Ltd), Natale Maltese (CEC Highways), Martin Leake (Speedwatch), Cllrs Lenihan and Macfarlane. He said that providing power to the SDU's on New Platt Lane and on Main Road at Shearbrook steps was not an option as it was too expensive. The option that LW had offered was to upgrade the Solar Panel for the SDU's at a cost of £950 + £150 installation plus VAT for each location to try to overcome the SDU's not charging due to lack of sunlight during the winter months. It was also recommended that the trees opposite on New Platt Lane should be thinned and have the Ivy cut off them to allow more sunlight to penetrate the canopy.

The purchase of a spare SDU was also to be considered going forward.

The Clerk had sent a letter to the owner of the trees to ask if they would have them thinned etc but no reply has been received. Highways were also approached but their response was that unless the trees are hazardous to road users they would not be able to carry out any tree works on the trees opposite the SDU.

MB talked about the locations of the SDU's and how they are not moved as their current locations are the prime spots for speeding motorists. He showed the Committee what data could be retrieved from the current SDU's in the Village.

After further discussion the Committee decided that perhaps the New Platt Lane device should be moved to the post opposite the Crown, which would perhaps slow cars down near the school and has much more sunlight. The Shearbrook steps SDU seems to be getting more sunlight and is working. However, it seemed sensible to look at the possibility of buying a Mini 300 SDU which is for use in a 30mph speed limit area, with a higher powered solar panel and install it on New Platt Lane. This would help familiarise the Speedwatch team with the new type of device and see how it performs in a shaded area and it would approx. £1000 cheaper than buying another of the same model as we have now. However, as there is only £1000 in the budget this year and £1000 for 2017/18 this may need to go to the Finance Committee for approval first.

Action: Clerk to get a quote for the new equipment ready for the PC Meeting on 14th March.

- 6. Cheshire East Health Initiatives** – Evaluation of the current offerings from Cheshire East and possible recommendation for promotion of the services to residents.

IM has looked at 3 different offerings from Cheshire East and other providers and whilst they all look to be offering a service that is approved by Cheshire East he felt that the Parish Council should check that the staff offering the services should be trained to a specific standard before the Parish Council could offer the service to residents.

Action: Clerk to find out if the staff of the health service organisations are trained to the level required.

- 7. Homewatch – Update – Clerk**

The Clerk reported that she has received a communication from Jonathan Robinson stating he had seen a Homewatch site which he felt was a good example and wanted to try to create something similar. IO asked if this could wait until he had made further contact with the National Homewatch group as they were offering assistance with the new branding etc to some areas.

- 8. Proposals for purchasing of items before the end of the financial year ie – Christmas Lights for Tree on Bogbean; Replacement Trees for the Bogbean and New Notice Board for Bank View.**

Resolved: *The Committee resolved to approve the purchase of trees to replace the hawthorns which were felled on the Bogbean at a cost of £250 for the trees, Cllr Rathbone will carry out the planting.*

The proposed notice board would be metal, painted in a slate grey flat colour paint with white writing and a Goostrey PC Logo in a white circle positioned in the centre under “Goostrey Parish Council” at a cost of £1380.00 + VAT including magnetic fixings, post fixings and delivery. However, as there has been no response from Mrs Simpson, the Committee were undecided as to whether the dedication for Cllr Simpson should be put onto the board.

Resolved: *The Committee resolved to approve the purchase of the replacement notice board for the corner of Bank View and Main Road.*

The Committee was not in favour of increasing the number of lights on the Christmas Tree on the Bogbean so soon after the lights were replaced and at a cost of around £400.00. This cost includes the hire of some equipment to enable installation of the lights but no costs for the electrician to install them as Lynton Weeks would do this free of charge.

- 9. Minor items and items for the next agenda**

- Events for the year, Seniors Lunch, Rose Day stand

IO reported that the date for the Seniors Lunch had been proposed and checked with the caterer already, 19th November 2017. This would give the Scouts the option of either 26th November or 3rd December for the Lights Switch on Event.

Action: Clerk to contact School to check the date for the Seniors Lunch and the Scouts for the Seniors Lunch and Lights Switch On Event.

The Committee also decided against a Rose Day stand this year, but indicated that a banner or similar relating to status of the Neighbourhood plan may be a possibility for display on Rose Day. This would be discussed at the next meeting

- 10. Date of next meeting** – Thursday 1st June 2017.