



# Goostrey Parish Council

## AMENITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the MEETING on WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2017

at 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL, COMMITTEE ROOM

**Present:** Cllrs Craggs (DC), Lenihan(GL), Macfarlane (IM), McCubbin (CMcC) and Williams (EW)

**In attendance:** S Jones, Clerk, R Burgess(Archive Group), David Johnson (Friends of Booth Bed Playground)

1. **Elect a Chairman** - Cllr Lenihan agreed to continue to be Chairman.

*Resolved:* The Amenities Committee resolved to accept Cllr Lenihan as Chairman of the Committee.

2. **Elect a Vice Chairman** – Cllr Macfarlane put himself forward as Vice Chairman.

*Resolved:* The Amenities Committee resolved to accept Cllr Macfarlane as Vice Chairman of the Committee.

3. **Declarations of Interest** - None

4. **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received from Peter Godfrey.

5. **Minutes of the meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017**

*Resolved:* The Amenities Committee resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017 as a true record of the meeting.

6. **Matters arising from the minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017**

The Clerk updated the Committee with regard to Speedwatch.

There will be two sessions during October before the clocks change. The Clerk and an existing member of the team will be trained so that they can participate in Speedwatch sessions and there will be a meeting of the whole Speedwatch Team in November to discuss sessions during the winter as it will not be possible to carry out sessions in the morning and early evening as the equipment cannot be used in the dark. The Clerk will report back at the next meeting.

An item will be put in the newsletter to encourage more people to come forward to join the team

7. **Goostrey Archive Storage Proposal**

Roger Burgess presented the proposal to the Committee for a new home for the Parish Archive. The current location is not very accessible for visitors or for volunteers, so it was proposed that a village location would be preferable. There is a room at the Methodist Church which would be suitable however they would need more financial support from the Parish Council to pay for the space ongoing (full report attached).

The Committee suggested that a plan of costs for the next 3 years starting in April 2018, is put forward to the Parish Council for consideration. In the meantime the Amenities Committee will assess if there is any funds available to assist with costs for the current financial year.

The Clerk mentioned she was expecting a delivery of a table cloth owned by the Rev Hughes, who used to be at St Luke's Church. His wife had asked villagers to sign the cloth and she had embroidered all of the signatures. The current owner of the cloth wants to donate it to the Archive.

## **8. Booth Bed Lane Play Area**

- **Repair of the Goosegate** - David Johnson put forward a proposal for the repair of the Goosegate. The two side panels which have carvings of geese need to be replaced and there is a crossmember that also needs to be replaced. A cost for the work has been provided by ANSA of £1950.00. This is a very expensive repair. The Committee asked David to instruct ANSA to ask CEC to fund the repairs. However, it is likely that this will come back to the Committee.

David also updated the Committee on the status of the S106 monies from the Bloor Homes development. He is expecting that quite a large proportion of the funds will be given to Goostrey to spend in Goostrey. The specific amount and what it can be used for are not yet confirmed. He will update the Committee once he has the information.

There will need to be consultation with the Village on what people want in the Play Area when the monies are made available.

- **Proposal to purchase adult keep fit equipment** - In the light of the information regarding the funds from the S106 agreement this item will be held over until the funds are available.

- 9. Hedges** – Update from the Clerk. All the hedges for which letters were written have been trimmed. A letter has been recently sent to the owner of the willow overhanging Manor Avenue and there is no response as yet.

## **10. Arrangements for Senior Citizens Lunch – 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

The arrangements are as follows:

- The Room will be set up on the afternoon of 18<sup>th</sup> November including table cloths.
- Members of the Amenities Committee will arrive at 10.00am to set the tables.
- Ticket Price £6, arrive 12.30 for 1.00pm, Tickets go on sale on 1<sup>st</sup> Nov in the Parish Office. Advertised in the October Newsletter and on the notice boards and website.
- Menu – The menu will be the same as last year

- Entertainment – The Clerk found a lady who sings Christmas Songs and will encourage a singalong at a cost of £70.00, the Committee agreed this was a good idea and that she should perform from 2pm up to 1 hour.
- Purchases - the Committee approved the purchase of 1 x 100m roll of table cloth, napkins, mints, bottled water & raffle tickets (to put under the seat to win the table decorations)
- Reimburse Cllr O'Donoghue for the £50 paid to the Brownies for the Table Decorations.
- The Clerk asked Cllr Williams to lend 20 white plates.

**11. Christmas Lights Switch On** – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017 – Lights to be tested two weeks before the event. **Action:** GL & IM to test (collect key from the Clerk).

**12. Budget for 2018/19** – A budget meeting has been set for

**13. Winter Planting** – The Committee agreed to winter planting to the amount left in the budget. **Action:** Clerk to speak to Hassalls regarding what can be provided for that price.

**14. Minor items and matters for the next agenda**

**15. Date of next meeting** – Budget Meeting at 7pm on 30th October 2017 in the Committee Room.