



Goostrey Parish Council

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the MEETING on WEDNESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2018

at 2.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL, LOUNGE

Present: Cllrs McCubbin (CMcC)(Chairman), Macfarlane (IM)(Vice Chairman), Craggs (DC), Lenihan (GL) & Williams (EW)

- 1. Declarations of Interest** - None
- 2. Apologies for Absence** - Apologies were received from Cllr Godfrey.
- 3. Minutes of the meeting of 20th June 2018**- The minutes of the meeting of 20th June were accepted as a true record of the meeting.
- 4. Hedges** – Update from the Clerk re hedge cutting to expose the Cheshire Railings- The Clerk reported that a quote of £110.00 plus VAT for the work on the hedge had been received from Greenfingers, and that the hedge could be carried out on 10th September 2018 when the resident would be present, subject to approval by the Amenities Committee.
Resolved: The Amenities Committee resolved to approve the quote of £110.00 plus VAT to carry out the work on the hedge and approved that the work should be carried out as soon as possible as it was within the Amenities Budget.
Action: The Clerk would also attend would also attend when the hedge was being cut.
- 5. Speedwatch Report** – The Clerk reported that speedwatch sessions were running every few weeks and were being organised by Cllr Rathbone. He will present a report of the results of the sessions since the last Parish Council Meeting at the next meeting on 11th September 2018.
- 6. Crossing Guard Update** - The Clerk had made enquiries to the CEC department advertising the role and had been told that they had interviewed an applicant and had then tried to contact them after the interview to offer the job but had not received any response from them so they post is still being advertised.
- 7. Benches** – The Clerk reported that Cllr Williams and her husband Adrian Banks had completed the work to the benches and that Mr Banks had submitted an invoice for £195.00 for the work he had carried out (£15 x 13 benches) The expenses for the materials which amounted to £165.57 Incl VAT have already been paid to Cllr Williams. (Cllr Williams was absent for the discussion regarding this item)
Resolved: The Amenities Committee agreed to recommend the payment of the £195.00 to the Parish Council at the September meeting.
- 8. Trees to be planted on the Bogbean** – The Clerk reported that there was still no reply from CEC Highways regarding the removal of the dead thorn tree so she had been unable to update the WI as to when they could plant their tree.

However, Cllr Rathbone had agreed the spot for the planting of the Royal British Legion tree and the installation of the plaque. Cllr Morris had indicated that the Chairman of the Royal British Legion had been to see him to discuss the arrangements for the celebration on Saturday, 10th November 2018 at 10.30am for the unveiling of the plaque (the tree and plaque already having been installed). He also said that a contribution towards the costs of the tree and plaque would be gratefully received. The cost of the tree is £210.50 and the cost for the plaque is awaited. However, Cllr Morris (Chairman GPC) indicated that a donation of 50% of the cost would be appropriate.

Resolved: *The Amenities Committee agreed to support the proposal of a donation by the Parish Council of 50% of the total costs for the tree and plaque and agreed to put it forward to the Parish Council at the September meeting.*

9. Seniors Lunch - 25th November 2018 – The Clerk raised the following items which were agreed by the Amenities Committee:

- Cost of Tickets in the budget for this year is £7.00 and the tickets to go on sale on 1st November to be sold from the Parish Office only
- Clerk to contact the Brownies to arrange for the table decorations to be made (a donation of £50 to the Brownies would be required in advance)
- Clerk to check the amount of napkins and table cloth left from last year and to place an order for the balance required for the event (including mints and bottled water)
- Clerk to find out what the menu will be this year (create menu cards)
- Clerk awaiting confirmation that the Scouts can help clear up after the event.
- Clerk to contact the pianist suggested by Cllr Williams and find out her fee to play at the lunch.

10. Switch of Christmas Lights on the Bogbean – The Clerk confirmed the date of the event would be Sunday 2nd December - The Committee agreed to make the payment to the Scouts of £500 to run the event in October. Clerk to add the payment of donation to Scouts to the Payment Schedule for October 2018.

11. Correspondence

- Letter from resident regarding weeds growing on Willow Lane - the resident has now withdrawn the complaint as the weeds have been removed.

12. Minor items and matters for the next agenda

- Suggest that Shearbrook bank is cut again before the end of the season (also, next year suggest that the grass is cut on Shearbrook Bank when the grass needs cutting, we don't need to wait for the daffodils to die back, to try to ensure the bank is looking its best for Rose Day).
- Shrubs on Shearbrook Bank need to be tidied up in October.

13. Date of next meeting – 7th November 2018 at 2.30pm.