



Goostrey Parish Council

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the MEETING on MONDAY 8th APRIL 2019

at 7.00 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL, COMMITTEE ROOM

Present: Cllrs Godfrey(PG)(Chairman), Morgan (PM)(Vice-Chairman), Beckham (NB) & Williams (EW)

In Attendance: S Jones – Clerk to the Council and two members of the public

- 1. Declarations of Interest** - There were no declarations of interest recorded.
- 2. Apologies for Absence** – Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr Lord.
- 3. Minutes of the meeting of 25th February 2019 – Resolved:** *The Minutes of the Meeting of 25th February were accepted as a true record of the meeting.*
- 4. Budget Report – Year End 2018/19 & New Budget 2019/20** – The Clerk presented year end 2018/19 and New Budget Reports for 2019/20 to the Committee for information.
- 5. Planters and Planting for 2019/20** – The Clerk reported that on inspection the site of the WI Women's Bench which had been removed, was on a slope and it would be difficult to site three planters there. The Committee decided to change the plan to have 3 planters at the corner of Booth Bed Lane and Main Road and two planters at the site of the bench opposite Meadow Avenue of Booth Bed Lane. The Clerk advised the Committee that she had spoken to the people managing the post office and the shop keepers to let them know the planters would be removed shortly. **Action:** Clerk to check if pea gravel was requested for the planter at Bank View.
- 6. Village Entrances Project** – Cllr Williams had invited the residents from the Old School House to join the Amenities Committee for this discussion of this item. They were in favour of the plan to refurbish the Cheshire Railings and although they were not in a position to contribute to the restoration, they would commit to the ongoing maintenance of the railings.

The Committee Agreed that the Entrance at the corner of Church Bank and Main Road would be the focus of the first part of the project where new street furniture would be recommended to compliment the refurbished railings. The bollards would also require some refurbishment (new reflectors and possible straightening). A plan for the landscaping of the grassed area also needed to be considered as it was quite untidy.

EW had looked at street furniture provided by a company in Leek, and suggested that the bench, planters and waste bin should match (subject to ANSA approval of the bin design).

It was agreed that EW would send her notes to the Clerk in order for a plan to be drawn up for the project which would be reviewed by the Committee and then presented to the Council at a later date.

- 7. WI Tree** – The Clerk informed the Committee that JSWI had decided to plant the tree in October, and Cllr Rathbone was giving advice on what type of tree they should buy and he would also dig a hole for them to plant the tree when the time came. The Clerk would send the WI details of where the plaque for the Royal British Legion tree had been purchased.
- 8. Box Hedge at Shearbrook Bank** – PM volunteered to assist EW plant the new box hedge cone. T

- 9. GreenFingers – Report on 2018/19 – Action:** Clerk to check to see how much it would cost for GreenFingers to attend in Jan/Feb to remove wreaths. Also, the Clerk should invite St Luke’s Church to send a representative to the Environmental Working Group as it may be possible to develop policies for wreaths and tributes which were easier to dispose of and more environmentally friendly than those made with wire.
- 10. Public Footpath from VH Car Park to Grave Yard** – The Clerk reported that the path was complete and the surface was beginning to harden. There had been no comment from any resident regarding the resurfacing of the path.
- 11. Notice Board Replacement** – The Clerk reported that the notice boards had been ordered and were expected in approximately 4 weeks’ time. She would arrange for a quote for erection of the boards, removal of the old boards and painting of the metal posts.
- 12. Goostrey Tree Warden** – PG reported that the Tree Warden information was now on the web site and that the Clerk would contact the Tree Officer at CEC to inform them that we now have someone providing a service for the Village. The Clerk will also include the Tree Warden information in the May Edition of the Parish Magazine.
- 13. Seniors Lunch** – To select a date for the Seniors Lunch 2019 – The dates the caterer is available are 17th and 24th November 2019. The Committee decided that 24th November would be the best date. The Scouts had confirmed that they were going to put the Guides forward for washing up duties again this year. **Action:** Clerk to confirm the date with the caterer and the Guides.
- 14. Christmas Lights Switch On** – To update the committee with the date. The Clerk had contacted the Scots and had received confirmation that the event will be held on 1st December 2019.
- 15. Amenities Committee Terms of Reference** - The Clerk suggested to the Committee that it would be appropriate for all Council Committees to have terms of reference and a schedule of delegation, to make it clear to councillors from the outset, what each committee is responsible for providing for the Council. **Action:** The Clerk agreed draw up terms of reference and a schedule of delegate and circulate to Committee Members for comment before the PC meeting on 23rd April.
- 16. Minor items and matters for the next agenda:**
 - Booth Bed Lane Play Area Update
 - Environmental Working Group Update
- 17. Date of next meeting** – **Action:** Clerk to circulate dates in May for the next meeting