



# Goostrey Parish Council

## AMENITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the MEETING on MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019

at 5.15 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL, COMMITTEE ROOM

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

**In Attendance:** S Jones, Clerk to the Parish Council

- 1. Declarations of Interest** - There were no declarations of interest.
- 2. Apologies for Absence** - Apologies were received from Cllr Lord.
- 3. Minutes of the meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019.** - The Minutes of the Meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.
- 4. Feedback from the Finance Committee**

The Amenities Cttee revised its plans for the remainder of the financial year in the light of feedback from the Finance Committee.

The revised plan is as follows;

**a. Planters and Planting for 2019/20**

The Cttee has decided to make two changes to the planting in 2019/20.

- It has decided to change the planting to make it more sustainable. The large planter at the junction of Bank View and Main Road would be planted entirely with Munstead Lavender, and the planter at the Village Hall would be planted with rosemary and other herbs. The remaining 5 concrete planters will be planted with a 30cm diameter box hedge ball and the compost topped with pea gravel. The Cttee recognises that some residents may prefer to continue with the more colourful annual planting we have done in the past but agreed that we should try the new regime and assess it after the first year. The Finance Cttee has approved bringing forward the purchase of the plants and
- It has decided to reposition the 4 of the concrete planters to increase their visibility. The two concrete planters from outside the Post Office and the one outside the newsagents will be moved to the site of the bench which was opposite the end of Forest Avenue (before it was removed). The planter at the Old Paddock will be moved to the grassed area at the junction of Booth Bed Lane and Main Road and the 2 planters there will be re-position ed around the benches.

To give the lavender and herbs the best start this year it was agreed that the Amenities Committee would seek approval from the Finance Committee and the Parish Council to pay for the plants and planting this year's budget so they can be planted in March. The remaining planting would be done in April.

**b. Trees on the Bog Bean – WI Tree Update**

The Cttee has obtained a quotation for the removal of the dead thorn tree from the Bogbean and agreed to fund this from its budget. Work will be done within the next month clearing the site for WI commemorative tree to be planted.

**c. Box Hedge at Shearbrook Bank**

The Cttee decided that the small box hedge plant at the Bog Bean end of the hedge will be removed and a 50cm box cone planted in its place. The few small stumps in the gap in the hedge be removed and the gap left as it appears to be in regular use by residents. It was also decided that the hedge would be fertilised this spring. It was further decided that if at the time of Rose Day the hedge was untidy a light trimming would be arranged (and carefully supervised to prevent over-trimming)

**d. Public Footpath from VH Car Park to Grave Yard**

The Cttee is progressing the re-surfacing of the path from the Village Hall Car Park to the Graveyard. It cannot fund this work from the Amenities budget and will seek approval from the PC to spend up to £2000+VAT (covered in the Finance Cttee report) and authority to obtain further quotes and select an appropriate supplier and have the work done this financial year.

**e. Notice Board Replacement**

The Cttee has agreed that the three community noticeboards at various points along Main Road should be replaced with new Boards similar to the new Parish Council Noticeboard at the end of Bank View. They will have covers to protect the notices from the elements and these will be secured with thumb-turn latches so that residents can post their notices as now. This can be funded from the Amenities budget and they will be purchased and installed within this financial year. Approval for this expenditure will be covered in the Finance Cttee report.

**5. Minor Items and Items for the Next Agenda - None**

**6. Date of next meeting – The next meeting will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019.**