



Goostrey Parish Council

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the MEETING on TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2019

at 7.00 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL, COMMITTEE ROOM

Present: Cllrs Rathbone (TR)(Chairman), Morgan (PM)(Vice Chairman), Beckham (NB), and Lord (SL)

In Attendance: S Jones Clerk to the Council and Thelma Carter, Goostrey Tree Warden

- 1. Declarations of Interest** – The Chairman declared an interest in itm 6. Village Entrances Project for the section on the Refurbishment of the Bench and reimbursement of cost of materials.
- 2. Apologies for Absence** – Apologies for absence were received from Clls Roberts and Williams.
- 3. Minutes of the meeting of 19th June 2019 - Resolved:** *The minutes of the meeting on 19th June were accepted as a true record of the meeting.*
- 4. Goostrey Tree Warden's Report** – Thelma Carter reported that she was concerned about the large sycamore tree on the Bogbean and it appears to be encroaching on the tree with the Christmas Lights. She recommended that the committee look pollarding or felling the tree.
Action: Clerk to take contact a tree surgeon for advice.

She also commented that two trees had been removed from the garden of a house near the corner of Manor Avenue.

Ivy is also growing profusely on the trees near the entrance to the footpath to the Bongs on Mill Lane.

5. Review Planters and Planting for 2019/20

- Assessment of the effectiveness of the style of current planting** – TR raised this topic and the committee discussed the current scheme of planting. The committee was minded to dispose of all the concrete planters as they ugly and dated. It was suggested that the box balls be re-planted in new planters of a more suitable size and design and that they should be relocated in the village, some to the green opposite Meadow Avenue and the rest to the Village Hall. The large concrete planter at Bank View should also be disposed of and the lavender plants relocated.
Additional suggestions were to quantify the number and type of planters required in the village (including an additional planter on the slab opposite the newsagents), and to obtain quotes for summer and winter planting of colourful and bee friendly plants in the new planters. Provision for the maintenance of the planters should also be quoted by potential suppliers.
Action: Clerk to obtain quotes from at least 3 suppliers.

- **Maintenance - Trimming of Box Hedge Balls** – 2 x cuts per annum at £40 per cut (£80 per annum). **Resolved:** *The committee approved the cost of £40 for the first cut to go ahead and would review this once the new planting scheme has been agreed.*

6. Village Entrances Project

Costs and progress of the works at the corner of Church Bank and Mian Road.

- The Clerk reported that the poll lift had been carried out on 5th September by the Tree Surgeon @ £150.00 plus VAT.
- TR and James Rathbone had carried out a tidy up of the stone wall and the whole area, and Greenfingers were now mowing and strimming the area twice a month. No charge.
- The Clerk showed the committee two possible options for the replacement road name sign (see appendix for details). **Resolved:** *The Amenities Committee resolved to approve the purchase of a new pressed aluminium road sign and hanging posts @ £135.00 plus VAT.*
- The Clerk pointed out that after investigation it would be more costly to respray the existing dog waste bin than it would to purchase a new one (like the one purchased for the Play Area at Booth Bed Lane). The old bin could be relocated or returned to Ansa. **Resolved:** *The Amenities Committee resolved to approve the purchase of a glasdon dog waste bin in green @ £115.09 plus VAT and installation.*

Refurbishment of the Bench – To consider reimbursing Cllr Rathbone for the materials to refurbish the bench at a cost of £204.00 No VAT.

- Cllr Rathbone withdrew from the discussion of this item.
- **Resolved:** *The Committee resolved to recommend to the Parish Council that the costs of materials @ £204.00 No VAT, for the refurbishment of the bench were reimbursed to Cllr Rathbone.*

Action: Clerk to add this to the payment schedule for the September Parish Council Meeting.

- 7. Shearbrook bank and verge proposals** - At the previous meeting TR has suggested that in order to maintain the grass on Shearbrook Bank and the verge effectively and to supply some spring colour, and early flowering variety of daffodil could be planted which would flower in January – February and would die back ready for the first grass cut at the end of March/early April.

The item was deferred to allow other proposals to be made for alternative planting schemes which would include flowers attractive to bees.

The proposal was amended to include a proportion of snow drops which flower at the same time as the early flowering daffodils which would meet the criteria of flowers attractive to bees.

Resolved: *The committee resolved to put forward a proposal for a mixed planting of early flowering daffodils and snowdrops to the value of approximately £300 plus VAT to the Parish Council at the September meeting.*

Action: Clerk to request list of suggested varieties of snowdrops to be planted and to put forward a proposal to Parish Council at the September meeting.

- 8. Hedges – Action:** Clerk to request the hedge on Bomish Lane, obscuring the Goostrey Village sign, and one on Willow Lane are cut back, and the lavender plants at the corner of Buckbean Way and Orchard Close (obscuring visibility for drivers exiting Orchard Close)

Additionally a phone call had been received by the Clerk regarding weeds next to the fence of a property on Willow Lane. The Clerk photographed the weeds and showed the pictures to the Committee Members. **Resolved:** *The Committee resolved it is not within the Parish Council's remit to tell home owners that they need to remove weeds from their boundaries.*

- 9. 75th Anniversary of VE Day 8 May 2020** – TR explained that the Chairman of the Parish Council had been approached by the Royal British Legion to ask if the Parish Council would be interested in working with them to put on an event to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day next year. The members of the committee were in favour of doing something to mark the event, however they felt that the Royal British Legion would need to be more specific in what sort of event they wanted to run before a firm proposal could be put forward to the Parish Council.

Action: Clerk to speak to the Chairman of the Goostrey Branch of the Royal British Legion and report back to the Amenities Committee.

- 10. Speed Indicator Devices** – TR explained that the current provider of the devices the Parish Council is using had made a proposal for updating and maintaining the equipment. However, before a proposal could be put to the Committee a decision regarding the type of unit to be provided needed to be made and he felt that if possible, it was worth investigating if any of the units could be electrically powered from existing lamp posts. In particular the unit at Shearbrook Bank. The Clerk had asked CEC Street Lighting if this would be possible and was awaiting a reply. It was hoped that a proposal could be made at the next Amenities Meeting.

- 11. Seniors Lunch Arrangements 2019 – Ticket Pricing** – PM confirmed that the pricing for the tickets would be £7.00 again this year. The tickets will go on sale on 1st November and cannot be reserved before that date. Notices will be posted on the boards and in the newsletter nearer the time.

The Clerk asked if any entertainment should be provided and SL agreed to see what could be arranged.

A colour theme needs to be decided for the table decorations soon so that we can ask the Brownies if they will make them again this year.

12. Minor items and matters for the next agenda

- PM suggested that when budgeting for next year costs to clean and repaint the Goostrey Sign on the Bogbean should be included. The Clerk added that the repainting of the Telephone box should also be added to the budget.
- **Action:** Clerk to remind contractors to wear hi viz and park in safe places when unloading mowing equipment for cutting grass around the village.

- 13. Date of next meeting** – Date in October to be decided

APPENDIX

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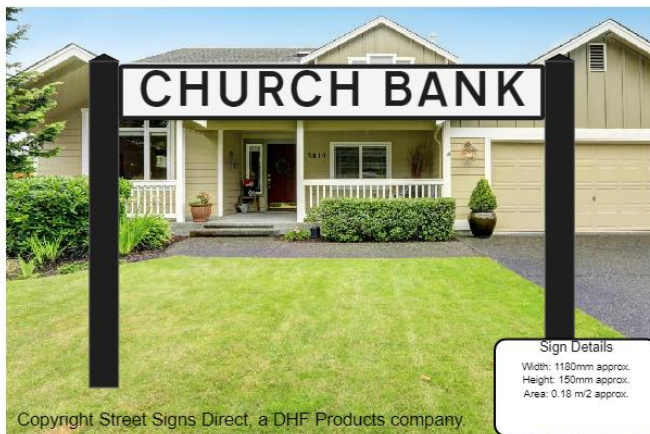
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