



# Goostrey Parish Council

## AMENITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the MEETING on THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

at 7.00pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL, COMMITTEE ROOM

**Present:** Cllrs Rathbone (TR)(Chairman), Morgan (PM), Roberts (DR) and Williams (EW)

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

- 1. Declarations of Interest** – No interests were declared.
- 2. Apologies for Absence** – Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Beckham and Lord.
- 3. Minutes of the Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – Resolved:** *The minutes of the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.*
- 4. Senior's Lunch** - Final Arrangements including a proposal for a donation to the Brownies for singing at the function.

The Clerk reported that all arrangements were in place and that 99 tickets had been sold. Cllr Lord had arranged for the Brownies to sing at the lunch and would be assisting the Clerk and the Village Hall Supervisor lay the tables for the event.

The Chairman asked for the minutes to record the Committees thanks to the Clerk and the Village Hall Supervisor for organising the event.

- **MOTION:** To approve a donation to the Brownies for singing at the Senior's Lunch.

**Resolved:** *The Amenities Committee agreed to donate £50.00 to the Brownies for singing at the Seniors Lunch.*

- 5. Report on Budget vs Actuals for the current financial year** – To consider the current position and address any underspend for the current year (see Appendix A)

The Committee considered the current position vs budget and agreed that there would be no overspend in the total Amenities Budget this year but any monies in the current budget should be utilised to complete stage 1 on the Village Entrances Project at the junction of Main Road and Church Bank. **Action:** Clerk to obtain a quotes to:

- Install New Dog waste bin and remove old waste bin
- Install New Refuse in and remove old refuse bin
- Straighten, apply wood treatment, replace and replace reflectors on bollard posts
- Level and create borders next to the wall
- Create borders for planting on the grassed section

Bogbean – Sycamore Tree – **Action:** Clerk to obtain advice from Tree Surgeon and quote for the work.

- 6. Environmental Working Party** - Proposal.

PM presented the Environmental Working Parties Planting Proposal to the meeting (see Appendix C).

**MOTION:** The Amenities Committee to consider the Environmental Working Party Proposal for approval including the cost of new planting to a value of £120 plus VAT.

**Resolved:** *The Amenities Committee resolved to approve the Environmental Working Party Proposal and cost of new planting to a value of £120 plus VAT, to be funded from this year's budget.*

- 7. Booth Bed Lane Play Area** – PM reported that he had received confirmation that the S106 monies were still available for the time being and that it was unlikely they would be withdrawn. **Action:** PM to arrange a meeting with CEC staff responsible for play area design to discuss what could be achieved in the Play Area with the funds available. Mr Johnson to be invited to this meeting.

## **8. Budget for 2020/21**

The committee considered the following items for inclusion in the budget for 2020/21.

- Additional Grass Cutting – The Committee approved that the cutting of Primrose Chase, corner of Booth Bed Lane and Main Road and Booth Bed Lane opposite Meadow Avenue should continue with 14 cuts per year at a cost of £1365 plus VAT. A further £100 needs to be added to keep the verge opposite the Crown tidy for Rose Day.
- 75th Anniversary Event for VE Day - The Committee agreed that the Parish Council should lead this initiative and that the Clerk should be the co-ordinator. At Budget of £500 was agreed. **Resolved:** *The Committee recommends that to the Parish Council leads this initiative, that the Clerk should appointed co-ordinator and a budget of £500 assigned to the event.*
- New Planting Schemes – The Committee agreed that new planters were required and put forward a budget of £2000. In addition, the planting and maintenance budget should be set at £1000.
- Council's Plan for Environmental Improvements – This was covered in item 6.
- Village Entrances Project – The budget to complete the Booth Bed Lane village entrance would be met by the budget for New Planting Schemes.
- Litter Picking - The Committee decided that a litter picker was not required.
- Lights on the Tree on the Bogbean – The current lights were deemed adequate for the time being.
- Potential Purchase of Land for the Village – The Committee suggested that £750 be added to the Parish Council's Legal and Professional Fees budget in order to investigate the possibility of purchasing a quantity of land for Village Events, amenity planting, and Environmental projects.
- It was agreed that the contribution towards the Table decorations at the Seniors Lunch should be increased from £50 to £65.
- Paint Phone Box and Goostrey Sign – **Action:** Clerk to obtain a quote from a local tradesman and add the cost to the Budget for 2020/21.

The budgets listed have been entered onto the spreadsheet in Appendix B

- 9. Minor items and matters for the next agenda** – None.

- 10. Date of next meeting** – To be decided.