



Goostrey Parish Council

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the MEETING on MONDAY 16th DECEMBER 2019

at 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL, LOUNGE

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

In Attendance: S Jones, Clerk to the Council

- 1. Declarations of Interest** – There were no declarations of interest.
- 2. Apologies for Absence** – Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Lord.
- 3. Minutes of the Meeting on 14th November 2019 - Resolved:** *The minutes of the meeting of 14th November 2019 were accepted as a true record of the meeting*
- 4. Christmas Lights Switch on 2020** - The Scouts have asked if this can be on 29th November in 2020. **Resolved:** *The Amenities Committee agreed that 29th November would be an acceptable date for the Christmas Lights Switch On 2020.*
- 5. Senior's Lunch** - Set two provisional dates for the lunch in 2020. Propose either 15th or 22nd November 2020. **Resolved:** *The Amenities Committee agreed that the 22nd November would be the most suitable date for the Senior's Lunch 2020.*
- 6. New Street Furniture for the Village Entrance at Church Bank** - Decision regarding contractor to install the bin, dog bin, road sign and treat and replace the reflectors on the bollards at the corner of Church Bank and Main road (quotes will be provided in the document pack before the meeting). **Resolved:** *The Amenities Committee resolved to accept the quote to install the street furniture from Street Scene (Congleton Town Council) of £ 453.83 plus VAT.*

Action: Clerk to ask Street Scene to carry out the works.

- 7. Works to the Sycamore tree on the Bog Bean** - Review quote for works to the tree.

The Clerk reported that there was no TPO listed for the sycamore tree on the Bog Bean and Alan Bethell had indicated that excessive pruning would accelerate the growth of the tree.

Resolved: *The Amenities Committee agreed not to accept the quote from Alan Bethell to prune the Sycamore Tree on the Bog Bean.*

Actions: The Committee requested that the Clerk provide quotes for the felling of the tree as it is dominating the other trees on the Bog Bean and the problem would not be resolved by pruning. If the sycamore was felled the Committee agreed to investigate planting a Christmas

Tree with a long-term view to use this instead of the current spruce tree for the Christmas Lights.

Action: Clerk to approach Cheshire East Highways to ask if they would fell the sycamore tree.

- 8. Selection of Contractor for Rose Day toilets** – now the budget is approved Amenities is responsible for this as it is within out budget and given its only 6 months away, we should make a booking to avoid a not having toilets available.

Resolved: *The Amenities Committee resolved to accept the quote from Folly's Luxury Toilet Hire of £437.50 plus VAT.*

Action: Clerk to provisionally book the toilets Folly's Luxury Toilet Hire. Also, to check with L Weeks that this unit is suitable before confirming the booking

- 9. Repainting of Goostrey sign and phone box** – A quote has been received, as is not possible for the works to go ahead in this financial year due to weather conditions, however but perhaps we should consider purchasing the paint out of any remaining budget this year so we only pay for labour next year? (quote will be provided in the document pack before the meeting).

- 10. Resolved:** *The Amenities Committee agreed not to accept the quote from Alan Bethell to prune the Sycamore Tree on the Bog Bean. Resolved:* *The Amenities Committee to keep this in mind when reviewing the budget before the end of the financial year.*

- 11. VE Day 75th Anniversary Celebrations** – Planning – report from Working Party. Cllr Beckham summaries the discussion with the Clerk prior to the meeting. He said that the Clerk would contact all the people who had shown interest in taking part in a VE day 75 year Anniversary Event to ask for details of events they want to hold themselves or if they wish to work with the Parish Council on an event at the Village Hall. The aim would be to advertise all events and to ensure the event at the Village Hall does not clash with any other village event. A meeting with all interested parties was planned for early February 2020.

12. Minor items and matters for the next agenda

- The Clerk asked the Amenities Committee to consider recommending a letter of thanks be sent by the Council to a resident for his contribution to the Village.

Resolved: *The Amenities Committee agreed to put the resident's name forward to receive a letter of thanks from the Parish Council.*

- The Clerk requested that the Amenities Committee consider changing the batteries in the SDU's at the end of January 2020. She also suggested that if the SDU on Booth Bed Lane does not work with a newly charged battery that it is considered for replacement in 2020/21.

Resolved: *The Amenities Committee agreed to consider replacing the unit after the recharged batteries are installed in January 2020.*

- 13. Date of next meeting** – to be arranged in January 2020 before the Parish Council Meeting.

Appendix

6. New Street Furniture installation:

Works to be carried out:

Installation of Glasdon dog waste bin, Removal of old red dog waste bin

Installation of new road sign for Church bank. Removal of old road sign for church bank

Resetting of wooden bollards and re treating them with preservative and replacing the reflectors.

Installation of large Glasdon bin with ground anchoring kit, removal of old waste bin (next to bench)

Quotes received from:

- Martin Ball £690 + VAT
- CTS Systems Ltd £460 No VAT
- Street Scene (Congleton Town Council) £ TBA at the meeting.

7. Works to the Sycamore tree on the Bog Bean - Discussion Document - TR

There appear to be several ideas (none currently sufficiently developed to be considered as either options or proposals) regarding the sycamore tree and "Christmas" tree on the Bog Bean: -

- i) Can Sharon please check if trees are subject to TPO? **There are no trees subject to TPO's on the Bog Bean according to the CEC Web site TPO map.**
- ii) Minor pruning to Sycamore tree to provide clearance to Christmas tree estimated cost £100 + VAT (quote received from Alan Bethel). Leave remainder as existing. Note major pruning of Sycamore tree is not recommended as it will promote exceptional growth.
- iii) Minor pruning of Sycamore and plant a modest sized new Christmas tree in an open space, allow to grow then fell existing Christmas tree which is a poor specimen. Note there is no suitable open space which would not interfere with the area used for village events and occasional play area. Not costed.
- iv) Fell Sycamore tree including root grinding and plant new Christmas tree within the Spread of the Sycamore tree otherwise as iii) but no interference with used area. Not costed.
Risk Management Consideration – If the Parish Council wishes to fell the tree, we should make a request for the tree to be felled to CEC Highways, even if we are agreeing to pay for it. The cost could be significant given the proximity to houses and to the road (ie road closure, crane etc) and there is a possibility of significant resistance to the felling of a healthy tree by residents.
- v) Do nothing - carry on as existing.

8. Selection of Contractor for Rose Day toilets

The unit to be supplied is 3 x Ladies Toilets, plus 1 x Gents plus 2 urinals, prices included delivery, collection and all consumables and electric hook up cable.

- County Loos £500 + VAT
- Folly's Luxury Toilet hire £437.50 + VAT
- Cestrian Loos £590 + VAT