



# Goostrey Parish Council

## AMENITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the MEETING on WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020

at 7.00pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL, MAIN HALL

**Present:** Cllrs Rathbone (TR)(Chairman), Morgan (PM)(Vice-Chairman), Lord (SL), Robert (DR) and Williams (EW)

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

- 1. Declarations of Interest** – There were no declarations of interest received.
- 2. Apologies for Absence-** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Beckham.
- 3. Minutes of the Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Resolved:** *The minutes of the meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> December were accepted by the Parish Council at the Parish Council, meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020..*
- 4. Senior's Lunch** - Proposal to obtain two additional quotes for the event to ensure best value.  
**Resolved:** *The Amenities Committee resolved to research catering costs for the Senior's Lunch to ensure best value is being achieved.*  
**Action:** Clerk to research catering costs for a 3 course meal, for 100 people with full table service and report back to Amenities Committee.
- 5. Village Entrance at Church Bank** – To check progress on Phase I and to plan items for completion in Phase II.

Cllrs Morgan and Williams highlighted that one of the oak bollards was broken and needed to be replaced. They reported that it would be difficult to maintain any form of planting on the grassed area as the wear on the grass indicated people regularly walk across it. Cllr Williams asked the Committee to consider not including the bollard treatment and straightening as part of Phase I but to consider instead installing metal hoops (of the type pictured in the Appendix) to try to stop people walking across the grass.

The Environmental Group planting had already been started by planting the bulbs in the grassed area, hence the request to change the bollards for a different type of barrier to stop cars and people walking across the grass. TR suggested that there may be Highways safety implications from impeding pedestrian access and provision of metal hoops.

**Resolved:** *The Committee resolved to seek guidance from CEC Highways regarding alternatives to bollards on the public verge at the corner of Church Bank.*

**Resolved:** *The Committee agreed to remove the refurbishment of the bollards and purchase of the new waste bin from Phase I of the project.*

**Actions:**

1. Clerk to request and updated quote for the removal and installation of the dog waste bins and the new street sign.
2. Clerk to contact CEC Highways to request advice on alternatives to bollards on the public verge and any health and safety implications.
3. EW to source a bollard to replace the broken one. Clerk to provide replacement reflectors for the bollards where necessary (2 x red and 2x white already purchased).

**Budget Review** – The budget for 2019/20 was reviewed (see year end estimates in Appendix)

- 6. Works to the Sycamore tree on the Bog Bean** - Review quotes to fell the tree. Resolved: The Committee resolved not to go ahead with the felling of the tree.

**Action:** Clerk to obtain quotes for a crown lift for the sycamore tree.

- 7. Greenfingers** - Review the quote for the year from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020. **Resolved:** *The Committee resolved to write to Greenfingers to remind them that on commencement of the contract the rate was fixed for 3 years, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 to be the final year.*

**Action:** Clerk to write to Greenfingers to remind them of the contractual arrangement and that if this is not going to honoured the contract would be ended.

- 8. Shearbrook Bank** When should grass cutting and hedge trimming be scheduled. **Resolved:** *The committee resolved that the hedge should be trimmed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June and also in September, and the grass cutting should commence once the daffodils have died back.*

- 9. VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations** – Update – The Clerk said that there had been some interested from the organisations in the Village and there would be a meeting to discuss the event before the end of February 2020.

**10. Minor items and matters for the next agenda**

- Consider a scheme to reduce one use plastic in Goostrey as a possible project for the Environmental Working Group to take up.

The committee decided not to take this project forward however, the following items were put forward for the Environmental Working Group to look into.

- Particulates
- Litter
- Dog fouling
- Hedges

- 11. Date of next meeting** – to be decided

## Appendix

Example of suggested replacement for bollards



## Budget Review

Amenities	Actual Q3 2019/20	Budget 2019/20	% Budget	
<b>Maintenance - Village</b>				
5000 Village maintenance - Grass Cutting	£1,385.90	£2,000.00	69.30%	£58.34 due in March
5010 Noticeboards & Benches Repairs	£1,048.73	£1,727.00	60.73%	inc £40 new bollard*
5001 Graveyard Maintenance	£2,483.23	£3,000.00	82.77%	£224.99 due in March
5003 Rose Day Stand	£20.00	£250.00	8.00%	inc cost for Rose Day Stand 2020
<b>TOTAL Maintenance - Village</b>	<b>£4,937.86</b>	<b>£6,977.00</b>	<b>70.77%</b>	
<b>Parish Projects</b>				
5760 Speedwatch	£400.00	£1,400.00	28.57%	inc Battery Change March 2020
5750 Senior Citizens' Lunch	£1,675.48	£1,750.00	95.74%	
6202 Christmas Lights (BB & St Lukes)	£592.46	£700.00	84.64%	
6203 Planters/plants	£588.48	£560.00	105.09%	£32.07 to spend on bee friendly plants
<b>TOTAL Parish Projects</b>	<b>£3,256.42</b>	<b>£4,410.00</b>	<b>73.84%</b>	
<b>TOTAL Amenities</b>	<b>£8,194.28</b>	<b>£11,387.00</b>	<b>48.03%</b>	* not incl install cost for dog bin, sign & bollard at Church Bank