



Goostrey Parish Council

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the MEETING on MONDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2018

at 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL, COMMITTEE ROOM

Present: Cllrs Lenihan(GL)(Chairman), Macfarlane(IM)(Vice Chairman), Godfrey(PG), McCubbin(CMcC), and Williams(EW)

1. **Declarations of Interest** - None
2. **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received from Cllr Craggs.
3. **Minutes of the meeting of 30th October 2017** – The minutes of the meeting of 30th October were accepted as a true record of the meeting.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes of 30th October 2017** - None
5. **Goostrey Archive** – Report from Meeting with Archive Group on 6th February – CMcC

CMcC reported that she had viewed the contents of the Archive and that it would fit into cupboards in the Committee Room. The Archive Group has agreed to fund the cupboards which will go along the whole wall adjacent to the parish office. There is no room for the fridge or the card tables. The fridge will need to be disposed of and the card tables stored elsewhere in the village hall. **Action:** Clerk to arrange for tables to be stored elsewhere. EW to dispose of fridge.

6. **Hedges** – Update from the Clerk – All the residents who were notified that their hedges were overgrown have cut them back with the exception of the owner of the Willow on Manor Avenue. This is now in the hands of Cheshire East who will assess if it needs cutting back.

PG indicated he had heard a complaint about the hedge on the corner of Wood Lane and Eaton Lane. **Action:** Clerk to investigate as this was cut back in the summer.

7. **Speedwatch Report** – The Clerk reported that the training for the new recruits had been completed and that speedwatch sessions in February and March had been set up. They would be covering afternoon traffic at locations on Main Road. The Group felt that they should do some sessions at weekends and this has yet to be arranged.

The Clerk indicated that with number of residents in the Speedwatch Group increasing it would be an idea to buy an additional speed gun and 3 new hi viz jackets.

The committee agreed to recommend the purchase of the new equipment to the Parish Council at the Meeting on 13th February.

8. Crossing Guard Update - The Clerk indicated that the Parish Council had funds of £1500 in the budget for 2018/19 towards this project but that it was now up to Andrew Shanahan action the next stage.

9. Budget vs Actual 2017/18 - Check to see that budgets are on track for year .

The Clerk provided an up to date budget vs actuals report for the Committee. The budget is significantly underspent in several areas; Road Sign Cleaning, Notice Board and Bench Repairs, Speedwatch; Miscellaneous. There was also significant overspending on Village Maintenance.

The Committee agreed to photograph all benches and to identify works needed to repair them and to get a quote before the next Parish Council so that any expenditure can be made this year.

Action: EW to carry out audit of benches.

Expenditure for SpeedWatch group agreed in item 7.

Action: Clerk to contact CEC and to request replacement of the Goosegate with a standard gate to match the design of the large gate to the play area.

Action: CMcC to get a price for a Christmas Tree for the BogBean to see if it can be planted and start growing before the old tree is removed.

10. Select Supplier for Graveyard Maintenance for 2018 – Review Quotes from three suppliers.

The Committee reviewed quotes from J Bloor, Greenfingers and Congleton Borough Council. After careful consideration, the best value and most flexible option was selected. The quote from Greenfingers for £3650 plus VAT (fixed for 3 years if a 3 year contract agreed) will be presented to the Parish Council on 13th February as the recommendation from the Amenities Committee.

11. Benches – Check Locations and Plan Repairs where Necessary before year end. This was agreed in item 9.

12. Dementia Friends Meeting Report – GL reported that the information session from Dementia Friends had been very useful and the Committee agreed to recommend that the Parish Council sponsor a similar information session in the Lounge for residents. Places would be limited to 30.

13. Date for Senior Citizens Lunch 2018 - Two dates were put forward, 18th November and 25th November. **Action:** Clerk to check if the Caterer is available for the dates and also to check with the School.

14. Date for Christmas Lights Switch On 2018 - **Action:** Clerk to contact the Scouts to see which date in December they prefer to hold the event.

15. Rose Day Stand 2018 – The Committee agreed that the Parish Council should have a stand at Rose Day this year. **Action:** Clerk to book a stand at Rose Day (30th June 2018)

16. Minor items and matters for the next agenda - None

17. Date of next meeting – 17th April 2018