

# AMENITIES WORKING GROUP MEETING

on WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2021 at 7.30 PM Via VIDEO CONFERENCE

## ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. **Chairman of the Amenities Working Group Meeting** - A Chairman for the meeting to be elected (the elected Chairman of the meeting will not necessarily be the Chairman of the Amenities Committee. The Chair and Vice Chairman of the Amenities Committee will be elected at the first meeting of the Amenities Committee).
2. **Actions from the Amenities Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021**
  - i. Christmas Lights on the Bog Bean - Clerk to arrange a meeting for Committee Members on the Bog Bean to consider if any works are required to the Christmas Lights, when Government Restrictions are lifted sufficiently to allow the Committee Members to hold the meeting. Suggest after 12<sup>th</sup> April no more than 6 people to attend outside. **Outstanding**
  - ii. Clerk to arrange a Zoom meeting for Councillors and the CEC Highways Officer to discuss Highways Matters. **Completed.**
3. **Annual Plan**
  - i. To review progress on the items in the Annual Plan – **see page 2**
  - ii. Village Environmental Improvements Survey Update- **see separate reports**
4. **Village Assets** - Phone Box Update
5. **Keep Britain Tidy - Great British Spring Clean** – 28<sup>th</sup> May to 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – This is being publicised on the website and the notice boards, do we want to sign up to be a partner? See <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean> and
6. **Senior Lunch November 2021** - To consider if it is possible for this event to go ahead and if it is feasible to organise it, or perhaps we could consider a different type of event for the Senior's this year?
7. **Report from Meeting with Highways Officer on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021** – TR – **see page 4**
8. **Tree on Booth Bed Lane nr Sandy Lane** - The tree has been reported to CEC Highways because there are bits falling off it. To discuss ideas about alternatives to the tree being felled if it is no longer viable. **See page 5**
9. **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022** - Consider ideas to mark the occasion.
10. **"Remembrance" crocus** - To consider planting crocuses to commemorate those who have died during the COVID-19 pandemic.
11. **Correspondence**
12. **Minor items and matters for the next meeting**
13. **Date of the next Amenities Committee Meeting** – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 at the Village Hall.

### Zoom Meeting Link

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## Goostrey Parish Council Plan for 2020-21

### Presented by Responsibility

#### Amenities Committee

- A) Revise the Resilience Plan to take account of learnings from the Covid-19 situation Including an emergency network of support for any purpose** (e.g. extreme weather event recovery), with appropriate training (eg on PPE, CPR) with a mechanism to keep lists up-to-date. To include any learnings from Holmes Chapel and surrounding villages resilience plans.

SL and PM volunteered to undertake the review/update with support from the Clerk with a view to them producing a first revised draft by end of December 2020.

**Action:** PM to provide an updated before the next Amenities Meeting in June 2021.

- B) Get feedback from villagers on their views on what they want to see in the village for the future.**

Publish a plan to improve every area of the village. To include: Church Bank/Main Road, Main Road/Booth Bed Lane, Booth Bed Lane Green, Primrose Chase, outside Main Road Newsagent and Station area.

A questionnaire will be produced by NB & TR by end February 2021

Distribution of the Questionnaire both physically and via Survey Monkey and analyse results to take place in 21/22. ***Distribution to take place wc 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021.***

- C) Create a Plan to implement the Environmental Policy utilising the Environmental group as well as deciding what a longer-term strategy would look like.**

PM to liaise with the Environmental Group to confirm membership and to arrange joint meeting of Amenities Committee and Environmental Group in January 2021 to consider development of plan.

**Action:** PM to arrange a meeting of the Environmental group before the Amenities Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021.

- D) Implement the plans outlined in A, B & C (above) and make a positive difference to the village commencing 2021-22**, potentially using a village volunteer network and the owners of commercial premises for feedback and implementation.

Pending actions from items A, B & C.

- E) Define and implement visual speeding deterrents, including resolution on the proposal to install village 'gates'.**

Progressing following decision by PC at meeting on 22/09/20 to accept recommendations of report to that meeting. KM has written to CEC asking them to consider funding and implementing works.

**Action:** Clerk to chase CEC Highways regarding funding status.

- F) Consider the potential to provide electric car/van charging points (environmental improvement) at the village hall?**

After some initial investigation there appears to be no appetite for this at the present time.

**Action:** .Review in January 2022.

**G) Investigate and implement improvements to the Booth bed Lane play area.**

- a. **S106 Monies for the Booth Bed Lane Play Area** – The amount of funding has been confirmed by ANSA and is now available to be spent. The Council has agreed that the Amenities Committee will lead this project and that any contact or correspondence from ANSA and other stakeholders, should be directed to the Clerk.

**Update:** PM has written to the resident co-ordinating the project to request an update on the project status.

## Report to Amenities Working Group 02 June 2021

### Zoom Meeting with CEC Local Highways Officer 19/05/2021

Present:- Libby Bowers – CEC Local Highways Officer (Responsible for highways operations issues).

Terence Rathbone & Sharon Jones

#### Issues

1. Main Road adjacent to Shearbrook - Water on Carriageway

The three-to-four-year history of water on the carriageway was discussed. LB undertook to arrange an early site meeting between United Utilities, CEC Highways and the owner of the field with a view to determining and agreeing the source of the water and next steps to resolve the matter.

2. Outside 77 Main Road – Roots of Large Tree Lifting Footway

The short-term history (child jostled from pushchair on to carriageway and adult jostled from mobility scooter on to carriageway) together with longer history of similar incidents were discussed. LB is not fully familiar with the site but will now familiarise herself with details including possible requirements of CEC Tree Officer in respect of the tree which is included in a TPO. LB to determine possible remedial works and report back.

3. Footway Station Road Red Lion to Station

The uneven condition of the footway was discussed. LB informed the meeting that the the footway is in CEC Category 2 for remedial works and LB will ascertain where this section of footway is included in the programme for remedial works and inform SJ accordingly.

4. Brooklands Drive Defective Gully Fault Report 3424583

The defective highway drainage gully and adjacent depressions in the carriageway were discussed. LB advised that CEC has in hand early repairs to the gully chamber and possible CCTV inspection of the gully drain connection.

5. Church Bank/Main Road Junction Proposed Location of Planters

In December 2020 GPC submitted an application to CEC for approval to the location of two gabion planters. LB advised that a formal Licence from CEC for the positioning of each planter would incur a charge of approximately £1,000. However, in view of these high charges there are many instances of formal Licences not being completed and the applicant authority then accepts the risk that the highway authority may at a future date demand removal of the street furniture at the expense of the applicant authority. Provided proper care is taken in the location street furniture in verges so as not to interfere with visibility etc it is considered to be very unlikely that future removal would be demanded. It is recommended that GPC proceeds with the installation of the planters without formal Licences. The gabions would have the normal GPC insurance cover for such items.

6. Future Liaison

LB and SJ agreed to future catch up telephone conversations seven to ten days before each future meeting of GPC. Updates may then be reported to each meeting.

## **Amenities Working Group Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021**

### **Oak Tree Boothbed Lane Verge**

#### **Introduction**

A mature oak tree in the highway verge of Boothbed Lane near to the junction with Sandy Lane appears to be dead. Our Chairman has reported this to CEC Highways as a health and safety issue because dead branches are dropping from the tree. There has been no response to date from CEC.

However, it has been suggested that rather than simply felling and disposing of the tree it may be possible for the standing trunk to form the basis of an item of chainsaw sculpture. The dead tree is pictured below.

The group is asked to consider if there is any appetite for support for such a sculpture or some other use of the dead tree. Any proposal would be subject to determination that the tree trunk is in a suitable condition, acceptable to CEC, obtaining estimates of cost.



**Decision Required** :- To promote (or not) investigation of creation of an item of chainsaw sculpture from the dead tree on Boothbed Lane Verge