

AMENITIES WORKING GROUP MEETING

on WEDNESDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2021 at 7.30 PM Via VIDEO CONFERENCE

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. **Declarations of interest**
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Acceptance of the Notes from the Meeting on 2nd June 2021**
4. **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022** - To receive a proposal for tree planting
5. **Open Gardens Event 2022** – To receive a proposal for an open gardens event in 2022
6. **Tree Report** - To receive a report from the Goostrey Tree Warden
7. **Actions from the Amenities Meeting on 2nd June 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. **Outstanding – Date to be set at the September Amenities Meeting.**
 - ii. **Village Assets** - Phone Box Update – Clerk to send a reminder to the resident re hedge cutting. Since the meeting the resident has cut back the hedge. **Completed.** The refurbishment contractor should be undertaking the works mid-September to October 2021
 - iii. **Keep Britain Tidy - Great British Spring Clean** – Clerk to add to calendar for review in January 2022, with a view to running a campaign for action for end of March 2022. **Completed.**
 - iv. **Seniors Lunch November 2021** - Clerk to provisionally book the Village Hall and the Caterer for 21st November 2021. Caterer has agreed to a provisional booking for 21st November 2021 (as the Christmas Lights Switch on Event is scheduled for 28th November). The caterer has indicated that pricing would be £13.50 per head for 100 seats and £15.00 for 60 seats (as there are the same staff overheads with either number) with a cancellation period of 2 weeks in advance. For review at the Amenities Meeting in September 2021 **see item 6.**
 - v. **Tree on Booth Bed Lane nr Sandy Lane** - Clerk to contact local chainsaw artists to find out if the tree is suitable for chainsaw art and if so what sort of design might be possible and the cost of the works. See report in document pack.
 - vi. **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022** - Clerk to contact Paul Kemsley to ask if there are any sites in Goostrey where a copse could be planted. Completed: PK indicated there were few possibilities for a copse, all of which were on private land.
 - vii. **"Remembrance" crocus** - Clerk to purchase 400 Remembrance crocuses and arrange a meeting with members of the Church see report in document pack.
8. **Annual Plan**
 - i. To review progress on the items in the Annual Plan – **see page 2**
 - ii. **Village Environmental Improvements Working Group**
 - a. To set a date for the first meeting in September.
 - b. Proposals for Environmentally Friendly Planting on Shearbrook Bank (see reports in document pack)
 - iii. Revised Community Resilience Plan- see separate report
9. **Seniors Lunch November 2021** - To consider if it is possible for this event to go ahead on 21st November 2021 and if so for how many people. Assign responsibilities for organising the event.
10. **Cheshire Wildlife Trust – Go Wild for Wildflowers Campaign** – To consider submitting nominations for suitable verges. See details in document pack.

11. Highways Update – To receive a report from the Clerk on Highways Matters see document pack.

12. Gabion Planters Update – To receive an update on the project. See document pack.

13. Budget

- i. **Status Update** – Clerk
- ii. Set date for Budget Meeting – suggest Wednesday 6th October 2021 (or an alternative date in October)

14. Correspondence

15. Minor items and matters for the next meeting

16. Date of the next Amenities Committee Meeting – Wednesday 3rd November 2021 at the Village Hall (or to agree an alternative date).

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 (e.g., 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.

PM has finished reviewing the plan and will be sharing the updated document with SL shortly.

- 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 26th April 2021.**

Survey complete. Working Groups set up to review the output, members of the group will be DR, NB and TR.

Anonymous survey results to be posted on the website with TR summary report.

- 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 a 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 2nd June 2021.

PM has not had time to progress this, action outstanding.

- 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.

TR reported that KM was trying to secure the trial extra works money to fund this as well as the some of the Ward Councillors' budget.

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.

PM has received a response from the co-ordinator, and they will be meeting to review the results of the last consultation. PM will review potential additional funding sources and will work with the co-ordinator to plan the way ahead. A further consultation with residents will be required once a plan of suitable options is available.