



Goostrey Parish Council

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting on Wednesday 7th September 2022
at 7.30pm in The Village Hall, Committee Room

Present: Cllrs Rathbone (TR)(Chairman), Morgan (PM) (Vice Chairman), Roberts (DR), Freeman (AF), Beckham (NB)

In Attendance: E Bambrook, Clerk, Cllr O'Donoghue (IOD)

- 1. Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest made.
- 2. Apologies for Absence:** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. E. Williams
- 3. Minutes of the Meeting on 6th July 2022:**

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting on 6th July were accepted as a true and accurate record.

4. Tree Report - The Tree Warden was not present.

5. Actions from the Amenities Meeting on 6th July 2022

- a)** A decision is required on whether to keep or replace the Bog Bean log bench and the Bog Bean sign is in need of repainting. **Action:** To consider a replacement bench in the near future and Clerk to contact council handy man about painting the sign. **Complete:** The sign has been repainted and the dog fouling sign replaced.
 - b)** SDU on New Platt Lane – To consider investigating a mains electrical supply to the unit. **To be kept under review.**
 - c)** Clerk to obtain quotes and permission for work to the oaks on Boothbed Lane. **Update:** It was agreed that this should be considered again at a later date.
 - d)** Bogbean Christmas Lights – To consider a replacement lighting scheme. Clerk to obtain quotes to establish a power supply from the current box to the large beech tree. **Update:** IOD had a meeting with Richard Dutton who has confirmed that he will undertake the work as a community engagement project. The committee instructed IOD to confirm that the work should proceed.
 - e)** Village Environmental Improvements Working Group – **Action Boothbed Lane Village Entrance:** The Clerk to obtain quotes for a replacement bench to match the style of “Nell’s Bench”, in addition to the items and work listed in the report. The Clerk was also asked to investigate whether a small bee motif could be incorporated into the bench for the next meeting. **Update:** TR has completed a scoping document for the project as a whole and the document has been submitted to a company to obtain a quote for this work.
Action Shearbrook Bank Environmental Hedging: Action – The committee agreed to accept the quote provided by their contractor, Northwich Town Council.
 - f)** Community Resilience Plan – The plan has been updated and there is now a public plan for the website and a full plan to be issued to the distribution list. The Planning and Exercise Officer at CEC has reviewed the full document and made a few minor recommendations which the Clerk has completed. The Officer will send the plan to the Cheshire Resilience Forum partners for any comments they may have.
- 6. Events in 2022** – The Senior’s Christmas Lunch is scheduled for 4th December. The caterer is confirmed and the brownies will be doing the table decorations. The Clerk is still trying to contact the person who played the piano last year. PM offered to volunteer for washing up duties.
 - 7. Church Bank Village Entrance** – The Clerk had been asked to obtain a quote from their contractor to cut the grass and remove the ivy from the stone wall. The committee agreed to extend the existing contract to include the work to Church Bank for the rest of the financial year and to review whether to continue for the financial year 2022/23.
 - 8. Bank View Planter** – The committee agreed that the summer planting had made an eye-catching display and agreed that this should continue and be replaced by winter bedding plants. The committee advised that they wished to reimburse TR for the cost of the plants from the Plants and Painters budget and TR agreed to continue to plant and maintain. The committee thanked Cllr. Rathbone and his son James for their hard work in creating and maintaining the beautiful display.

9. Annual Plan – To review progress on the items in the Annual Plan. The plan was reviewed. Updates can be viewed in A1 on page 4.

10. Environmental Improvements Project – See A2 on page 6.

Shearbrook Bank Environmental Hedging - The committee agreed to accept the quote of £1338 provided by their contractor, Northwich Town Council. The Clerk advised that this exceeded the £950 Capital Reserve for this project, the committee felt that the shortfall could be covered by other unspent budget headings.

Booth Bed Lane Village Entrance - TR has completed a scoping document for the project as a whole and the document has been submitted to a company to obtain a quote for this work. The committee agreed to a) order the round bench immediately due to the stated 18 week lead time plus the new bench and b) that Nell's parents should be contacted, once we have an idea of costs, in relation to their thoughts on the bee motif and the receptacle for the decorative stones.

The Clerk was asked to purchase a replacement bench for the Bogbean. The Clerk advised that there was a reserve for this in the budget for this in 2023/24, the committee agreed that it would like to proceed.

The Clerk was also asked to have the bench on Main Road, adjacent to the Bogbean inspected and obtain a quote for work required to repair.

11. Budget Report: The committee reviewed the budget report including reserves and agreed that no changes were required at this time.

12. Update on Boothbed Lane Play Area Project – PM advised that he still hadn't received the baseline plan from Ansa to indicate what could be achieved for the £40,000 S106 funding. This is important as it will determine whether or not to pursue additional funding. PM will chase this up. The Clerk commented that correspondence had been received from a resident, asking for information on this project. An update had been provided and the Clerk was subsequently asked why this had not been publicised to the community. The committee felt that it was too soon to publicise this as there was still some way to go before there was a plan in place. It was noted that the public were welcome to attend meetings where it is regularly discussed and all the updates are available to view in the minutes.

13. Highways Update – To receive a report from the Clerk on Highways Matters:

- a) **Tree Stump on Boothbed Lane:** Clerk awaiting information from the Highways Officer.
- b) **Booth Bed Lane/ Hermitage Junction White Lining Work:** Council decided not to pay Cheshire East Council to undertake this work. It has been submitted as one of the Council's top 5 priorities in response to the Highways Survey.
- c) **Footpath to Station:** This has been submitted as one of the Council's top 5 priorities in response to the Highways Survey.
- d) **Water running down Main Road outside Dromedary Lodge Field:** Work has recently been carried out on this but it remains to be seen whether this resolves the problem. It was submitted as one of the Council's top 5 priorities in response to the Highways Survey.
- e) **Tree on Main Road:** A planning application has now been submitted by the council on behalf of the owners. The target decision date is 27th October.

14. Correspondence: The Clerk received an email from a resident who is extremely concerned about the crossroads of Bomish and Cross Lane as there have been more accidents and no improvement work carried out. Despite contacting the Highways Officer there has been no response; the Clerk will ask Cllr. Kolker to address this with Highways. The council identified this issue as their top priority for action on the recent Highways survey.

15. Minor items and matters for the next meeting: None

16. Date of the next Amenities Committee Meeting – The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 26th October 2022 – Budget meeting

17. Close Meeting – The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Appendices

Item 9 A1

Goostrey Parish Council Plan

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. Clerk to circulate draft.

Action: PM to investigate creating a public document and one which will be circulated internally. The Clerk to provide the Word document. Cllrs. KM, TR and IOD have confirmed that they are happy for their contact numbers to be included in the public version of the document. **Action:** The plan has been updated and there is now a public plan for the website and a full plan to be issued to the distribution list. The Planning and Exercise Officer at CEC has reviewed the full document and made a few minor recommendations which the Clerk has completed. The Officer will send the plan to the Cheshire Resilience Forum partners for any comments they may have.

- 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.

Complete

- 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: This has not progressed due to a lack of volunteers. PM

In Progress – It was agreed that it was worth pursuing a policy of working on a manageable level of projects and as they are completed adding further projects in priority order.

- 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.

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. No response from CEC, Clerk to chase CEC Highways regarding funding status.

Action: Clerk to check with the Chairman to establish whether he has received any feedback regarding CEC Ward Councillors' budget. **Update:** No progress – the issue needs to be raised again.

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 2023. To be added to the VHMC meeting agenda for the final meeting of 2022.

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

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.

Update: PM and Cllr. Kolker met with a member of Ansa Parks Team two or three weeks ago at the play area to discuss options for the S106 monies. The action was for Ansa to develop a baseline plan for what could be done for the £40,000 S106 funding so that a decision could be made about whether or not to pursue additional fundraising in order to make more significant improvements. The Ansa officer was of the view that the current play area, though dated, was in good condition and that the play surface was holding up well. At the committee meeting on 07/09/22 PM still hadn't received the baseline plan from Ansa to indicate what could be achieved for the £40,000 S106 funding so will chase progress on this.

Item 10 A2**Goostrey Parish Council – Amenities Committee - Environmental Improvements Project****Programme Monitor**

Location	Scope Prepared by Working Group	Scope Reviewed & Approved by Amenities Committee	Quotations Invited	Quotation Accepted by Amenities Committee	Start on Site	Completion	Comments
1.Church Bank	12/10/21						
2.Main Road/Boothbed Lane Junction	12/10/21	12/01/22					
3.Primrose Chase	12/10/21						
4.Station Area	12/10/21						
5.Shearbrook Bank	12/10/21	12/01/22					Feb 22 Amenities Committee Planting deferred to season commencing Oct 2022
6.Boothbed Lane Green	12/10/21						
7.Outside Newsagents, Main Road	12/10/21						
8.Bogbean	12/10/21						

TR 03/03/22 (updated)