



Goostrey Parish Council

AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes of the Meeting on Wednesday 5th July 2023 at 7.30pm in The Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Rathbone (TR)(Chairman), Morgan (PM) (Vice Chairman), Beckham (NB), Craggs (DC), Freeman (AF), Fagan (PF)

In Attendance: E Bambrook, Clerk

Cllr. Fagan was welcomed to his first Amenities Committee meeting.

1. **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest made.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** None
3. **Minutes of the Meeting on 24th May 2023:**

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting on 24th May 2023 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

4. **Tree Report:** There had been nothing to report from the Tree Warden.
5. **To note the dates and arrangements for the following events in 2023:**
 - a) **Seniors' Christmas Lunch** – 3rd December 2023. The caterer has confirmed the cost per head as £16 up from £15 in 2022. The Finance Committee have recommended that the ticket price for 2023 is set at £10. The Brownies will be making the table decorations and the piano player has been contacted.
6. **Northwich Town Council Maintenance Contract:** The committee expressed disappointment with the standard of village maintenance prior to Rose Day despite reminders by the parish council that everything needed to be in good order for the event. Although some areas such as the Village Hall flower bed and the planter at Main Road/Boothbed Lane had been attended to well, the box hedge at Shearbrook Bank had not been cut and Church Bank corner looked untidy, having only been strimmed once. It was agreed that payment for this work should not be made and that the Clerk should communicate this to the contractors.
7. **Budget Review and Monitoring:** The document was scrutinised by the committee and no issues of concern were highlighted.
8. **Boothbed Lane Play Area Project:** PM provided an update on progress since the last meeting. Another meeting will be taking place shortly. There has been no response from Cheshire East Council (CEC) concerning the memorandum of understanding for the S106 funding. PM will continue to chase CEC and will escalate to Cllr. Andrew Kolker if the lack of communication continues.
9. **Environmental Improvements Project, Church Bank Corner:** The committee approved the scoping document for this project and agreed that Goostrey Community Shed should be asked to quote to supply the oak bollards and the planter as per the specification provided. The Clerk would also obtain two additional quotes, in line with Financial Regulations, to ensure value for money. The Clerk would also seek quotes for the remainder of the work to the area.
10. **Asset Inspection:** The Clerk confirmed that CTS Systems has been asked to undertake the following remedial work identified by the asset inspection:
 - Repair loose slat on the table top of the northern most picnic table on the Booth Bed Lane Play Area.
 - Cleaning of the benches opposite the Trading Post.
 - Clean/dust Phone Box on Main Road.
 - Work to the benches at Shearbrook Bank and Church Bank.The foliage behind the SID has been cleared.
11. **Christmas Tree Lighting:** The quotes provided were scrutinised by the committee. Quote 1 was selected, however, the Clerk was asked to obtain a more precise costing from the supplier based on the following options:
 - Installation only of replacement coloured uplighters and wrapping of the beech tree with lights. Lights to be left in position throughout the year.
 - Installation and removal of vertical lighting of the fir tree.

- Installation only of wrapped lighting of the fir tree with lights to be left in position throughout the year.

It was noted that the electrical connection to the fir tree would need to be re-established. It was also noted that it may be necessary to request additional funding from reserves.

- 12. 80th Anniversary of D-Day – 6th June 2024:** The committee agreed that the council should help Goostrey to mark the occasion by helping to facilitate a community event such as an Afternoon Tea. The Clerk was asked to contact the Royal British Legion, school, churches, WI's and the Archive Group as a first step.
- 13. Correspondence:** Nothing to report.
- 14. Minor items and matters for the next meeting:** No minor items or additional items were requested.
- 15. Date of the next Amenities Committee Meeting:** Wednesday 6th September 2023.
- 16. Meeting closed at 8.10pm**