



Goostrey Parish Council

AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes of the Meeting on Wednesday 1st November 2023 at 7.30pm in The Village Hall

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

In Attendance: E Bambrook, Clerk

- 1. Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs. Rathbone and Fagan declared an interest in item 9 80th Anniversary of D-Day.
- 2. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr. Freeman
- 3. Minutes of the Meeting on 18th October 2023:**

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting on 18th October 2023 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

- 4. Tree Report:** In the absence of a Tree Warden, the Clerk stated that no issues of concern had been raised. The Clerk briefly mentioned the long running problem of the tree and the uneven pavement outside 77 Main Road, although this is now more of a Highways issue. The Road Safety team are designing a solution which is being put forward for funding. The Clerk has asked for further information and awaits a response. This will be progressed through the Highways Liaison meetings and Council.
- 5. Budget Review and Monitoring:** The committee reviewed the budget monitoring documents, no issues of concern were raised.
- 6. Annual Plan:** The document was reviewed by the committee and updated as follows:
 - Annual Maintenance Programme – Monitor and achieve planned maintenance programme by contractor Northwich Town Council.
This is ongoing. TR confirmed that the Bank View planter had been filled with spring planting.
 - Bogbean Lights – Review existing tree lights and enhance in readiness for Christmas 2023 switch on event. Include management of event.
Project is ongoing and an update was provided by the Clerk in agenda item 8.
 - Seniors Christmas Lunch – Plan and provide event.
The Clerk confirmed that tickets are already selling well and that all elements have been organised. It was also confirmed that the Clerk and Village Hall Supervisors were happy to carry out the set up without any additional assistance but that councillors were more than welcome to attend on the day to represent the council and chat to guests.
 - Environmental Improvements Programme – Implement approved works at: Church Bank Village Entrance, Primrose Chase, Station Area, Boothbed Lane Green, Outside Minimarket Main Road.
The Clerk agreed to give priority to this programme after the Christmas projects have been completed. One of the obstacles to progress is obtaining the necessary quotes to comply with Financial Regulations.
 - Boothbed Lane Play Area – Achieve programme and in particular for works to commence on site April 2024.
PM advised that the project group met with Ansa on site last Friday and discussed draw down of s106 money and what can be done in terms of play equipment. The group are also pursuing a grant for £100,000 from FCC, the deadline for this is the end of February. A condition of the FCC funding is that a 3rd party has to pay FCC 10.75% of the value of the grant being awarded. The group intend to produce a report and request a contribution from the council at the December meeting. It was confirmed that it is unlikely that work will start in April 2024 as Ansa will have to go through a

tendering process for approved contractors to deliver the project. Plans are likely to be available in the next few months with a view to work commencing in autumn 2024 which should then take a few months to complete. It was agreed that possible avenues for funding a council contribution would be discussed at the Finance Budget meeting on 7th November as part of the budget discussions, to ensure that council are able to make an informed decision at the December meeting.

- Commemoration of 80th Anniversary of D Day 6th June 2024 – Support others in planning event. ***PF confirmed that the project was going ahead and a full update was given under agenda item 9 80th Anniversary of D-Day.***
7. **SID Issues:** A site visit has been authorised by the Clerk but progress is extremely slow.
 8. **Christmas Lights:** The committee received an update from the Clerk as follows:
 - The new socket box has been installed under the larch tree and the electricity connected by the electrician.
 - CTS Systems has been engaged to install the new, additional decoration and connect it to the new box. The contractor has the decoration which has been tested and is working and has the key to access the socket box. The Clerk visited site with him to confirm the location. The contractor may lightly concrete the decoration in place if he feels this is necessary, this will not create a trip hazard and can be removed afterwards if required. Installation will take place the week before the event.
 - Lightech will wrap the trunk and lower branches of the beech tree and will keep adding lights until they run out (installation date to be confirmed). If they need to use the cherry picker, then they will bring some trackway boards to protect the ground. The two new floodlights will be connected to the existing cabling within security cages and on the floor bases. The redundant existing floodlights will need to be removed and the cabling capped off.
 - The Clerk will arrange for the electrician to cap off the cabling after the Lightech installation if timing permits, otherwise the redundant lights will need to be covered until this can be done.
 - The Clerk has advised Northwich Town Council of the likely dates for this work and the event so that planned work to install a new bench on The Bogbean isn't scheduled at the same time.
 9. **80th Anniversary of D-Day:** PF provided an update as follows:
 - The group of three volunteers met and agreed to proceed with the event taking place on the 8th June which is a Saturday rather than 6th June and it will take place on the field next to the Scout Hut.
 - The group have secured funding of £3,000 and will also apply to the Lottery Heritage fund which includes funding of community celebrations such as D-day.
 - Attractions are planned to include a display of military vehicles, an exhibition by the Archive Group, beacon lighting, a fish and chip van, sweet stall and a beer tent. Purchase of a ticket will be required to access the attractions.
 - A spitfire fly past has been booked and a deposit paid, the total cost for this is £7,800 including VAT. An RAF display is also a possibility and this would be free of charge.
 10. **Community Resilience Plan:** The plan has been updated with the new councillor's details. This is the only change and the plan can therefore now be re-circulated and published.
 11. **Correspondence:** Nothing of note to report.
 12. **Minor items and matters for the next meeting:** No items were requested.
 13. **Date of the next Amenities Committee Meeting:** The new meeting calendar has not yet been confirmed but barring an additional meeting being required following the Finance Committee meeting and any clashes, the next meeting will take place on Wednesday 10th January 2024.
 14. **Meeting closed at 8.05pm**