



Goostrey Parish Council

AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes of the Meeting on Wednesday 1st May 2024 at 7.30pm in The Village Hall

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

In Attendance: E Bambrook, Clerk

- 1. Declarations of Interest:** No declarations of interest were made.
- 2. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr. Morgan
- 3. Minutes of the Meeting on 6th March 2024:**

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting on 6th March 2024 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

- 4. Tree Report:** The Tree Ranger had confirmed that there was nothing to report.
- 5. Budget Review and Monitoring:** As the new financial year has just started, there have been no payments made, however, the committee reviewed its budget figures and reserves bearing in mind the committee's projects and considerations for the revised Strategic Plan.
- 6. Annual Equipment Check Update:**

a) Defibrillator Maintenance: The Clerk confirmed that these are checked on a regular basis, usually once every couple of weeks by an appointed resident. A copy of the checks is kept on file. In addition, The Circuit send a reminder every 3 months to which that resident replies. The committee agreed that, as the defibrillators are council assets, the Clerk should request copies of the checks carried out and should also receive reminders from The Circuit. The Clerk will action this.

It was also suggested that the council purchase a bleed control kit (for use in the case of stabbings) to be kept with the defibrillator in the telephone box on Main Street. The Clerk will investigate.

b) Noticeboard Cleaning: Cleaning of the noticeboards, Parish Council only and Parish Council community noticeboards was approved. The Clerk was also asked to arrange for the benches at the Main Road/Boothbed junction and at the Main Road side of The Bogbean to be cleaned, plus the telephone box, both internally and externally.

- 7. Annual Plan:** The Annual Plan was reviewed and updated for 2024/2025. **See Appendix 1.** It was confirmed that Congleton Town Council have started the program of village maintenance. Plans for the Christmas Lights Switch On and the Seniors' Christmas Lunch are underway. Scoping for the Primrose Chase improvements has been started. Arrangements for the maintenance of the Bank View Planter were approved and remain the same as in previous years.
- 8. Strategic Plan:** The current committee objectives and projects were reviewed and the Strategic Plan was updated for further consideration at the next meeting. The Clerk was asked to review the suggestions from the last village questionnaire to try to identify whether there were any that could now be taken forward. This information could also be used to form the basis of a second survey. **See Appendix 2.**
- 9. 80th Anniversary of D-Day:** Cllr. Fagan confirmed that the cost of the Spitfire display has been fully covered and additional funding is available for other activities and attractions. Cllr. Fagan agreed to send the official poster to the Clerk to be used to promote the event on the council website and in the Village Hall. The Clerk will liaise with Cllrs. Fagan and Rathbone to set up the uplighters, in a suitable colour combination, on the Bogbean for use from 6th June and throughout that weekend.
- 10. Goostrey Playground Community Project:** Cllr. Morgan wasn't present but reported that there was no update at this time and that he would contact Ansa for a progress report. The grant application is due to be submitted in June.
- 11. Correspondence:** Nothing of note to report.
- 12. Minor items and matters for the next meeting:** Draft Strategic Plan.

13. Date of the next Amenities Committee Meeting: Wednesday 3rd July 2024.

14. Meeting closed at 8.15pm

APPENDIX 1

Amenities Committee Annual Plan 2024/2025

- 1.** Annual Maintenance Programme – Monitor and achieve planned maintenance programme by contractor Congleton Town Council.
- 2.** Bogbean Christmas Lights – Monitor effectiveness of lighting including planning and management of event.
- 3.** Seniors Christmas Lunch – Plan and provide event.
- 4.** Environmental Improvements Programme – Implement approved works at:
 - a)** Church Bank Village Entrance – work contracted, start date June.
 - b)** Primrose Chase,
 - c)** Station Area
 - d)** Boothbed Lane Green - Completed
 - e)** Outside Mini Market Main Road.
- 5.** Boothbed Lane Play Area Improvements – Support the Working Group to achieve the improvements. S106 Funding to be committed/used by August 2025. Contributing third party funds approved by the Parish Council to secure an FCC grant.
- 6.** Commemoration of 80th Anniversary of D Day 6th June 2024 – Support volunteer group to deliver the event on 8th June 2024. Grant funding provided.

APPENDIX 2

Draft Strategic Plan

Objectives for the years 2024-2028

Amenities Committee

- 1.** Implement the works remaining on Environmental Improvements Plan identified by the Village Improvements Survey:
 - a)** Church Bank Village Entrance – work contracted, start date June 2024.
 - b)** Primrose Chase
 - c)** Station Area
 - d)** Boothbed Lane Green - Completed
 - e)** Outside Mini Market Main Road.
- 2.** Define and consider the feasibility of installing village ‘gates’ as visual speeding deterrents.
- 3.** Support the Goostrey Playground Community Project Group to achieve the improvements to the Boothbed Lane Play Area. S106 Funding to be committed/used by August 2025. Contributing third party funds approved by the Parish Council to secure an FCC grant.

Add Project list as pdf.