

Helsby Parish Council

Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held at 6.16pm on 12th December 2018 in the Committee Room

Present:

Cllr. Stuart Hulse – Chairman
Cllr. Sam Johnson
Cllr. Polly Barry

Cllr. Terry O’Neill
Cllr. Michelle Massey

Cllr. Chris Ellams
Cllr. Alan McKie

In attendance:

Cllr. Alan Gardner
Cllr. George Randles

Cllr. John Kimpton

Cllr. Patricia Holder

1. Public Air Time. Proposed by Cllr. Ellams, seconded by Cllr. O’Neill and **RESOLVED – that the meeting be suspended for public participation – E19/18.**
2. To receive apologies for absence – all present.
3. Declarations of interest – none reported.
4. Minutes of the previous meeting. Proposed by Cllr. O’Neill, seconded by Cllr. Barry and **RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 28th Aug 18 be accepted as accurate and duly signed by the Chairman – E20/18.**
5. Matters arising from the previous minutes
 - 5.1 Land known locally as the Maltby Triangle on junction of A56 Chester Road / Old Chester Road. The Localities Team was now keen to assist the Parish Council in progressing the request to enter into negotiations to take over ownership of said land. CWaC had decided that it would not give the land away but would enter into a long-term lease agreement 30 years conditionally. The Parish Council considered this at its meeting on 12th December and agreed to make an arrangement with Northwich Town Council to maintain the land subject to CWaC approval. The committee would allocate budget provision accordingly – duly noted.
 - 5.2 Tesco Stores – request to install Belisha Beacons either side of the painted road markings – awaiting response.
 - 5.3 New planters opposite Land of Beds – project complete.
 - 5.4 Litter bin request for top of Rake Lane - CWaC refused the Parish Council’s request on the grounds of their operatives Health & Safety.
 - 5.5 War Memorial cleaning for WWI centenary event – project complete.
 - 5.6 Lighting around Helsby Community Centre. Cllr. Johnson reported 2 x lights out. Clerk to report faults to CWaC.
6. Environment Committee budget for 2019/20. Proposed by Cllr. Hulse, seconded by Cllr. O’Neill and **RESOLVED – to create 3 new budget headings as follows – E21/18: -**
 - Budget Heading 218 – Planters**
 - Budget Heading 219 – Village Clock**
 - Budget Heading 220 – Maltby Triangle/land opp Land of Beds**

Budget Heading Code	Description	Budget 2018/19 £	2018/19 Spend to date £	Predicted To 31/03/19	Budget recommended for 2019/20
218	Planters	0	0	0	1,100^(a)
219	Village Clock	0	0	0	£300^(b)
220	Maltby Triangle etc	0	0	0	£1,000^(c)
223	Litter / dog / grit bins	400	104	400	£400
224	Village Awards	200	34	34	£200
225	Ho Ho Helsby	1,000	0	1,020	£1,050
226	Road Safety	0	0	0	0^(d)
227	Bridge Lantern Lights	1,200	832	1,200	1,000
228	Christmas Lights	15,500	2,136	11,250	£15,500
228a	Christmas Tree	2,600	2,670	2,670	2,700
229	SherwoodCourt Land	560	871	1,200	1,200^(e)
230	Street furn/BT boxes	500	0	3,750	500
231	War Memorial	1,500	1,740	1,740	0^(f)

- (a) The budget was created to cover the year-on-year costs of planting displays (approx. £400 per annum). The committee agreed that in 2019/20 it would purchase and install another planter as a one-off for the land opp Land of Beds (approx. £700) and this had been included in the £1,100. The budget would reduce accordingly in 2020/21.
- (b) New heading created for the annual maintenance of the Village Clock located in the Indian Restaurant.
- (c) New budget created for the maintenance of land known locally as the Maltby Triangle. A cost had already been obtained from Northwich Town Council to cut and collect grass and other general maintenance of said land. The committee also agreed to ask Northwich Town Council to cut and collect grass from the slither of land (owned by Brookhouse but currently maintained by Honeywell) and to include the cost within the budget.
- (d) The budget was set at 'nil' for this year. It was agreed to place a budget of £10,000 in the year 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 for road safety schemes.
- (e) Based on current year's expenditure, it was agreed to increase the budget to a more realistic amount to cover consumables and all grounds maintenance including shrubbery and boundary work.
- (f) National Beacon Scheme. The Pageantmaster had written to the Parish Council thanking them for taking park and presenting them with a certificate. The next scheme was scheduled for May 2020 on the 75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe. The committee would wish to consider allocating a budget in 2020/21 for memorial cleaning.

Proposed by Cllr. Hulse, seconded by Cllr. Ellams and **RESOLVED – that the Environment Committee recommend budget for 2019/20 totalling £24.950 for the inspection and approval of the Finance Committee – E22/18.**

7. Environment Committee expenditure

7.1 In the year the committee approved expenditure of **£1,380** for the installation of 2 of the large green planters on land (owned by Brookhouse) opposite Land of Beds – duly noted.

7.2 5-Year Business Plan. Cllr. O’Neill had prepared the estimates for the committee’s approval – duly noted.

8. Light out and bollard light out on central island adjacent to Crosland Terrace – Clerk to report fault to CWaC Highways.

9. Date of the next meeting – 25th February 2019.

The meeting closed at 6.38pm

Chairman’s signature..... Dated.....

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