

Helsby Parish Council

Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held at 7.08pm on 28th Aug 2018 in the Committee Room

Present:

Cllr. Stuart Hulse – Chairman Cllr. Terry O’Neill – Vice-Chairman Cllr. Chris Ellams
Cllr. Michelle Massey

1. Public Air Time. Proposed by Cllr. O’Neill, seconded by Cllr. Ellams and **RESOLVED – that the meeting be suspended for public participation – E12/18.** There being no matters brought to the committee’s attention it was proposed by Cllr. Massey, seconded by Cllr. Ellams and **RESOLVED – that Public Air Time be closed and the meeting reconvened – E13/18.**
2. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. Barry and Johnson.
3. Declarations of interest – none reported.
4. Minutes of the previous meeting. Proposed by Cllr. O’Neill, seconded by Cllr. Ellams and **RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 29th May 2018 be accepted as accurate and signed by the Chairman – E14/18.**
5. Matters arising from the previous minutes
 - 5.1 TruCam. The device was now operational. Cllr. O’Neill put the information on Facebook which received a lot of comments.
 - 5.2 Maltby Triangle. Request sent to CWaC to consider beginning negotiations with the Parish Council re proposal to take over the grounds maintenance of the area. The Properties Manager had referred our request to the Localities Team. Still awaiting response. It was agreed to write to the Senior Localities Officer for progress. Bedding plants were looking really good in the Jubilee feature.
 - 5.3 Request to Tesco Stores to ascertain if they would consider erecting Belisha Beacons on crossing just after Calendar Gardens mini-roundabout. It was agreed to write to the new Manager to ask them to make it a proper crossing by installing Belisha Beacons. Clerk would also ask Tesco to cut the laurel hedge back to boundary at the same time.
 - 5.4 Village Best-Kept Competition. All judging had taken place and the results were confirmed by the committee – duly noted. Clerk to write to the winners.
 - 5.5 Lantern Lights – KDE to upgrade sensor control – expenditure approved by full council – duly noted.
 - 5.6 St Paul’s Churchyard. CWaC responded to our complaint about the length of grass and general untidiness of the churchyard. This had now been addressed – duly noted.

5.7 Proposed new planters on land owned by Honeywell (opp Land of Beds). The relative was still awaiting an answer from the Parish Council re her offer to purchase one of the planters in memory of Ken Griffiths. The relative also asked if that could be acknowledged in some form on the planter. Part of the planter sponsorship was that the sponsor maintained and planted it and a notice was placed on the planter to recognize this. The Griffith family did not wish to do this. It was agreed that we stick to the principal of why the planters were purchased in the first place to allow sponsors to look after them. Proposed by Cllr. O'Neill, seconded by Cllr. Ellams and **RESOLVED – that the Parish Council be RECOMMENDED to 1) Contact Gareth Jones (Honeywell) to seek permission to place two Helsby motif planters on land opposite Land of Beds; 2) Order 2 x Green Planters from Amberol; 3) Write to the family of Ken Griffiths thanking them for their offer – E15/18.**

6. Environment Committee budget for the existing and ensuing fiscal year 2018/19 was duly noted as follows: -

Budget Heading Code	Description	Budget 2018/19 £	2018/19 Spend to date £	Predicted To 31/03/19	Comments
223	Litter / dog / grit bins	400	0	400	
224	Village Awards	200	35	200	
225	Ho Ho Helsby	1,000	0	1,000	
227	Bridge Lantern Lights	1,200	269	1,200	
228	Christmas Lights	15,500	0	15,500	
228a	Christmas Tree	2,600	0	2,600	
229	SherwoodCourt Land	560	516	560	
230	Street furn/BT boxes	500	0	500	
231	War Memorial	1,500	0	1,500	

Notes to the aforementioned budgets:

Budget heading 223 – Proposed by Cllr. O'Neill, seconded by Cllr. Massey and **RESOLVED – that the Parish Council be RECOMMENDED to purchase a new doggy bin for Robin Hood Lane and to obtain permission from CWaC to place a litter bin at the top of Rake Lane (adjacent to the cut-through to Vicarage Lane) subject to CWaC agreeing to empty said bin – E16/18.**

Budget heading 227 – KDE Ltd had been asked to check out the timing on the lantern lights both sides of the Sandstone Bridge. It has been agreed to upgrade sensors and the costs should come in within budget.

Budget heading 229 – the budget would be in overspend at year end due to tree and shrub work. It was thought that the Environment Committee overall budget could cover the overspend – duly noted.

Budget heading 231 – Quadriga had been notified that the quote was acceptable and to undertake the cleaning process some time in October (before Remembrance Day). Proposed by Cllr. Ellams, seconded by Cllr. O'Neill and **RESOLVED – that the Parish Council be RECOMMENDED to purchase Poppy Wreath through the Poppy Appeal for Remembrance Sunday 11th November 2018 – E17/18.**

Remembrance Day Service at St Paul's Church. Clerk to contact Revd. Green

7. Environment Committee expenditure – 5 Year Plan.
 - 7.1 Defibrillators for BT phone boxes plus installation estimated to be in the region of £3,750. Application bid gone in to MCBF. Fall back will be Protos CBF and possibly CF Fertilisers.
 - 7.2 Purchase of mini-bus. A scoping report was required to estimate costs and usage. Work in progress. Cllr. O'Neill reported that 'Dial-a-ride' and 'LIFTS' still operated in the area.
8. A Nation's Tribute and WW1 Beacons of Light 11th November 2018. The Parish Council was already committed to the scheme by lighting the purpose-built beacon at the top of Helsby Hill. However, the National Trust had been explicit in its instructions that they would allow the Parish Council to use its property on the condition that the event was not advertised as open to the public. Although the beacon would be lit, it would not appear in any official campaign details. The Clerk had advised CAA and all emergency services. National Trust had granted a licence. The next step would be to check the beacon and burners, get a price for 2 large propane gas bottles and ask the local farmer if he would transport the burner and bottles from shipping container to the top of the hill for lighting at 7pm on Sunday, 11th November 2018 – Clerk to action.
9. Christmas Illumination 2018. Street Lighting had granted us permission to install control gear on columns 92 & 94. The Clerk was chasing WVHT for installation costs for control gear and to install the mini bulbs. The Clerk has obtained cost, from LITE, £1,650 + VAT and carriage, for 6,000 LED diodes and 8 x ACDC mains leads. It was agreed to defer this item to the full council on 10th September when the quotes would be in. Cllr Massey had obtained the costs, from Northwich Town Council, for installation of Christmas tree plus associated items. This would be put before full council on 10th Sept. Clerk to check that Christmas Tree lights were being stored in the shipping container.
10. Sherwood Court site. Fire damage to top of table tennis table caused deliberately. Article going in Helsby News. Unfortunately, the information came through too late to check CCTV. Discussion took place about accessing the CCTV remotely and Cllr. Ellams said that a separate phone line would have to be installed in the Community Centre before that could to happen.
11. Miscellaneous matters
 - 11.1 Section 106 money for Public Art. Cllr. O'Neill reported that the money couldn't be used for a village clock as a clock would not be classed as art as defined by the policy. It was agreed that Cllr O'Neill and the Parish Clerk arrange a meeting with Carmel Clapson from CWaC Public Arts Team.
 - 11.2 Local garage parking vehicles for sale. Cllr. O'Neill and the Parish Clerk had been liaising with Licensing to try and get the garage owner to stop. Parking is at a premium in the village centre and some of the vehicles were untaxed. The PCSO would be made aware of this when he returned from his holidays.
 - 11.3 Roadworks and work on grass verges. The members were concerned that the Parish

Council hadn't received TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) about most of the work currently taking place throughout Helsby. Proposed by Cllr. O'Neill, seconded by Cllr. Massey and **RESOLVED – that the Parish Council be RECOMMENDED to write to CWaC Highways with request that they abide by the statutory policy to send out TRO for any work about to take place on the highway or temporary closures of the highway in Helsby – E18/18.**

12. Date of the next meeting – Wednesday 12th December 18.

The meeting closed at 8.03pm

Chairman's signature..... Dated.....