

Helsby Parish Council

Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held at 7.04pm on 25th February 2019 in the Committee Room

Present:

Cllr. Stuart Hulse – Chairman
Cllr. Terry O’Neill – Vice-Chairman
Cllr. Sam Johnson
Cllr. Alan McKie
Cllr. Michelle Massey

1. Public Air Time. Proposed by Cllr. McKie, seconded by Cllr. Johnson and **RESOLVED – that the meeting be suspended for public participation – E01/19.** There being no matters brought to the committee’s attention it was proposed by Cllr. Massey, seconded by Cllr. McKie and **RESOLVED – that Public Air Time be closed and the meeting reconvened – E02/19.**
2. Apologies for absence – received and accepted from Cllrs. Barry and Ellams.
3. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in accordance with s.33 of the Localism Act 2011 – none reported.
4. Minutes of the previous meeting. Proposed by Cllr. O’Neill, seconded by Cllr. Massey and **RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 12th December 2018 be accepted as accurate and signed by the Chairman – E03/19.**
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 Committee was hoping for progress report re the Parish Council’s request to take on the maintenance of the assets from Cheshire West and Chester Council.
 - 5.2 Tesco Stores – request to Tesco asked that they install Belisha Beacons either side of the painted road markings. Following numerous requests, which had been ignored, it was proposed by Cllr. Johnson, seconded by Cllr. McKie and **RESOLVED – that the Parish Council be RECOMMENDED to write to the Chairman of Tesco with request for installation of Belisha Beacons on either side of the carriageway entering into the Tesco site and also to ask if the laurel hedge can be cut back to boundary – E04/19.**
6. Review of the Environment Committee budget for the existing year 2018/19 and ensuing fiscal year 2019/20 :-

Budget Heading Code	Description	Budget 2018/19 £	2018/19 Spend to date £	Predicted To 31/03/19	Budget Confirmed 2019/20
218	Planters	0	0	0	1,100
219	Village Clock	0	0	0	300
220	Maltby Triangle etc	0	0	0	1,000
223	Litter / dog / grit bins	400	104	400	400
224	Village Awards	200	35	35	200
225	Ho Ho Helsby	1,000	0	1,020 ^(a)	1,050
226	Road Safety	0	0	0	0
227	Bridge Lantern Lights	1,200	939	1,200	1,000
228	Christmas Lights	15,500	10,686	11,250 ^(b)	15,500
228a	Christmas Tree	2,600	2,670	2,670	2,700
229	SherwoodCourt Land	560	871	1,200 ^(c)	1,200
230	Street furn/BT boxes	500	2,998	3,250 ^(d)	500
231	War Memorial	1,500	1,740	1,740	0

(a) Cllr. Massey kindly agreed to chase contractor for invoice.

(b) It was estimated that there would be in the region of £4,000 underspend. The committee discussed using the money to purchase replacement bulbs and a standalone reindeer. Proposed by Cllr. O'Neill, seconded by Cllr. Johnson and **RESOLVED – that the Parish Council be RECOMMENDED to purchase 400 replacement bulbs for the band lights and to investigate the purchase of a standalone lit up reindeer (with red nose) to be placed adjacent to the Christmas Tree – E05/19.**

(c) The committee discussed what the actual maintenance costs should be to work out the commuted sum that CWaC would agree to give the Parish Council for the remaining term of the lease (18 years). The Clerk and Cllr. O'Neill would calculate in time for the Parish Council meeting.

(d) Defibrillator purchase and installation. The Marshes Community Benefit Fund granted £2,000 towards costs. Now installed and operational.

7. Sherwood Court Site – already discussed.

8. The defibrillators were housed in the two telephone boxes. The committee discussed the proposal to paint the telephone boxes a colour that would be recognisable to anyone in need of the device. Whittles Programmed Maintenance had been invited to provide quotes. They strongly advised us not to paint the aluminium phone box as the paint would almost certainly peel off very quickly. Proposed by Cllr. Johnson, seconded by Cllr. Massey and **RESOLVED – that the Parish Council be RECOMMENDED to employ Whittles Programmed Maintenance to paint K6 phone box in a green colour costing £495 (net of VAT) – E06/19.**

9. Urgent matters – none reported.

10. Date of the next meeting – tba.

The meeting closed at 7.46pm

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

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