

Helsby Parish Council

Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held at 7.29pm on Monday, 16th Dec 19 in the Upper Hall of Helsby Methodist Church

Present:

Cllr. Terry O'Neill – Chairman
Cllr. Chris Ellams
Cllr. Michelle Massey
Cllr. Polly Barry

In attendance:

Cllrs. Gardner, Kimpton, Holder and Temple.

1. Public Air Time. Proposed by Cllr. Ellams, seconded by Cllr. Massey and **RESOLVED – that the meeting be suspended for public participation – E19/19.** There being no matters brought to the committee's attention, it was proposed by Cllr. Barry, seconded by Cllr. Ellams and **RESOLVED – that Public Air Time be closed and the meeting reconvened – E20/19.**
2. Apologies for absence – none.
3. Declarations of interest – none reported.
4. Minutes of the previous meeting. Proposed by Cllr. Ellams, seconded by Cllr. Massey and **RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 27th August 2019 be accepted as accurate and duly signed by the Chairman – E21/19.**
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. Still awaiting news from CWaC Localities Team who are progressing the lease requested by the Parish Council so that it can take on responsibility of said land for 30 years conditionally. Northwich Town Council has supplied a quote for grounds maintenance – duly noted.
 - 5.2 Public Art – work in progress.
 - 5.3 Daffodils – replacement bulbs. The time for planting the bulbs had passed. It's going to be easier to note the bare areas in the spring. That way the Parish Council will know for sure which areas have been damaged by groundworks.
 - 5.4 Proposed Conservation Area – work in progress.
 - 5.5 BT K6 phone box. Painted and signage up
 - 5.6 Village Litter Picks. Mrs Thoburn was standing down after many years of being the main organiser. Mrs Betty Grieve had very kindly volunteered to take over.
6. Environment Committee budget 2020/21. Proposed by Cllr. Massey, seconded by Cllr. Ellams and **RESOLVED – that the Environment Committee recommend budget for 2020/21 totalling £26,170 for the inspection and approval of the Finance Committee – E22/19.**

Budget Heading Code	Description	Budget 2019/20 £	2019/20 Spend to date £	Predicted To 31/03/20	Budget recommended for 2020/21
218	Planters/bedding pla	1,100	415	1,100	400^(a)
219	Village Clock	300	259	259	300
220	Maltby Triangle land	1,000	0	0	1,020
223	Litter / dog / grit bins	400	178	400	400
224	Village Awards	200	0	100	200
225	Ho Ho Helsby	1,050	0	1,050	1,100
226	Road Safety	0	0	0	0
227	Bridge Lantern Lights	1,000	589	1,000	1,000
228	Christmas Lights	15,500	2,611	10,500 ^(a)	15,500
228a	Christmas Tree	2,700	2,850	2,850	3,000^(b)
229	SherwoodCourt Land	1,200	1,558	2,000 ^(b)	2,000^(c)
230	Street furn/BT boxes	500	596	596 ^(c)	250^(d)
231	War Memorial	0	0	0	1,000^(e)
276	VE Day	5,000	0	5,000	0^(f)

Explanation of variances +/- 10%: -

- (a) It was agreed last year to include, in the 2019/20 budget the purchase and placement costs (approx. £750) of a new planter opposite Land of Beds. The committee would still like to go ahead with this hence the predicted outturns for the year are still £1,100. The committee reduced the budget for 2020/21 as they don't intend to purchase another planter in 2020/21.
- (b) Increased to cover estimated costs.
- (c) Increased to cover grounds maintenance costs which will be dependant on the amount of grass cuts (Clerk to check quote from Northwich Town Council). Budget also included the maintenance of the outdoor gym equipment and wooden covered structure
- (d) Re-painting K6 phone box had already been actioned in 2019/20. Budget reduced for maintenance only.
- (e) Budget needed for war memorial cleaning so it looks in clean order for VE Day celebrations.
- (f) VE Day organisers were hopeful that the event costs could be achieved within 2019/20 for 8th May events.

7. Bus Shelters – Cllr. O'Neill reported the difficulty in getting Bus Stop Infrastructure out to clean and tidy the glass shelters belonging to CWaC – to keep a watchful brief.

8. Urgent matters – none reported.

9. Date of the next meeting – 24th February 2020.

The meeting closed at 7.51pm

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

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