

Helsby Parish Council

Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held 7.06pm 27th August 2019 in the Committee Room

Present:

Cllr. Terry O'Neill – Chairman
Cllr. Stuart Hulse
Cllr. Sam Johnson
Cllr. Chris Ellams
Cllr. Michelle Massey

1. Public Air Time. Proposed by Cllr. Ellams, seconded by Cllr. Johnson and **RESOLVED – that the meeting be suspended for public participation – E16/19.** There being no matters brought to the committee's attention it was proposed by Cllr. Hulse, seconded by Cllr. Massey and **RESOLVED – that Public Air Time be closed and the meeting reconvened – E17/19.**
2. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. Barry and Poulton.
3. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in accordance with s.33 of the Localism Act 2011 – none received.
4. Minutes of the previous meeting. Proposed by Cllr. Ellams, seconded by Cllr. Hulse and **RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 28th May 2019 be accepted as accurate and duly signed by the Chairman – E18/19.**
5. Matters arising from the previous meeting
 - 5.1 Land known locally as the Maltby Triangle on junction of A56 Chester Road / Robin Hood Lane. The Parish Council awaits the 'Draft Management Agreement' from CWaC Localities Manager. Cllr. Hulse reported a shrub that had fallen into the adjacent pathway Robin Hood Lane side – Clerk will report it to Streetscene.
 - 5.2 Planter – CWaC granted licence to move planter from outside the One-Stop to adjacent to railings at top of ginnel leading to Mountain View. The planter was now in its new position thanks to Old Chester Road Allotment Association.
 - 5.3 Public Art – work in progress. The Artist Sarah Fisher was liaising with local businesses to gauge interest and get support.

6. Review of the Environment Committee budget for the existing and ensuing fiscal year 2019/20 – duly noted.

Budget Heading Code	Description	Budget 2019/20 £	Spend to date £	Predicted to 31/03/20 £
218	Planters	1,100	84	1,000
219	Village Clock	300	0	300
220	Maltby Triangle etc	1,000	0	1,000
223	Litter / dog / grit bins	400	0	400
224	Village Awards	200	0	200
225	Ho Ho Helsby	1,050	0	1,050
227	Bridge Lantern Lights	1,000	254	1,000
228	Christmas Lights	15,500	0	15,500
228a	Christmas Tree	2,700	0	2,700
229	SherwoodCourt Land	1,200	706	1,200
230	Street furn/BT boxes	500	0	700 ^(a)

(a) The end of year figures will increase due to the extra cost in employing Whittles to paint K6 Phone Box £596.40 incl VAT.

7. Sherwood Court Site

7.1 Hedge and shrub trimming. The Clerk had sent invitation to quote to Old Vicarage Tree Surgery to cut down to 3ft all around and trim back to boundary. This should improve visibility and clear the way for the CCTV – duly noted. Cllrs expressed concern about the state of the garden and grassed / shrubbery areas around the community centre and library buildings.

8. Miscellaneous Matters

8.1 Winter pansies order for planter sponsors and the Parish Council. The Parish Council approved order for 318 trays mixed blue and yellow from Dave Weaver – duly noted

8.2 Daffodils required for opposite number 304 Chester Road to Ideal Gardens (Turf business) and between the Horse & Jockey site and Plovers Lane. To obtain estimate for numbers, purchase costs and installation costs. The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr. Randles as he had experience (through his membership of Frodsham & Helsby Rotary Club) with planting bulbs and probably could get us an estimate of how many daffodil bulbs would be needed.

8.3 Cheshire and VE Day 75 – 8th May 2020. The Pageantmaster had written re the commemoration of VE Day. The Parish Council would be taking part in the National Beacon lighting and a meeting was arranged for all interested parties at 7pm on Thursday, 26th September at Scout HQ. Cllr. Hulse recognised the importance of booking a marching band to head up the procession. It was agreed to leave everything up to the attendees at the meeting to decide how Helsby would be celebrating the occasion.

- 8.4 Conservation Area. Kirsty Henderson - Built Environment Officer (Conservation and Design) for Cheshire West and Chester Council would be starting the investigative work in September but first Mrs Lorimer would arrange a meeting with Cllrs. Ellams, Hulse and O’Neill and Kirsty. The 11th September looked a possible date.
 - 8.5 BT phone boxes – work was due to start on painting the K6 phone box (green) early September.
 - 8.6 Village Litter Picks. Mrs Thoburn was standing down as the main organiser after many years of organising the bi-annual litter picks. Cllr. Hulse suggested asking local people to pick up litter and possibly even having a Street Warden for every road in Helsby. Cllr. O’Neill reported that Mrs Betty Grieve was interested in taking on the role of main organiser and Cllr. O’Neill would put forward the proposal to her.
9. Village ‘Best-Kept’ Competition
 Gardens South – no entries
 Gardens Central – Cllr. Massey
 Gardens North – Cllr. Gardner
 QD & OCR allotments – Parks Committee select based on the inspection results
 Planter – Cllr. Johnson
 Commercial premises – Cllrs Poulton and Barry
10. Urgent matters - none.
11. Date of the next meeting – Wednesday 11th December 2019.

The meeting closed at 7.28pm

Chairman’s signature..... Dated.....