



Helsby Parish Council

25th June 2024

To: Members of the Environment Committee

You are hereby summoned to attend an Environment Committee meeting of Helsby Parish Council on Monday 1st July 2024 at 7pm in the Parish Office at Helsby Community Sports Club for transaction of the undermentioned business.

The press and public are welcome to attend. Reports referred to in this agenda are available in advance on request from the Clerk. The Clerk shall record the meeting for the purpose of assisting in taking minutes, following which the recording will then be deleted.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Jones, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

AGENDA

1. Public Participation. A period of up to 10 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments.
2. To receive apologies for absence; apologies should be submitted to the Parish Clerk in advance of the meeting.
3. Declarations of Members' Interests. To receive declarations of personal, prejudicial and pecuniary interests from members relevant to items under discussion at the meeting.
4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes. To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th February 2024.
5. Clerk's report from the previous meeting not covered elsewhere in the agenda (for information only).
6. To note the final budget spend for 2023/24 and to discuss the Environment Committee budget for the year 2024/25:

Budget Code	Description	Budget 2023/24 £	Budget spent 2023/24 £	Budget 2024/25 £	Budget spent to date £	Predicted To 31/03/25 £
218	Bedding Plants	500	868	750	28	400
219	Village clock	0	0	0	0	0
220	Maltby Triangle	200	31	210	0	200
222	Christmas tree	2700	2949	2757	0	2757
223	Litter/dog/grit bins	400	0	400	0	0
224	Village awards	200	0	0	0	0
225	Ho Ho Traffic M'ment	1100	1050	1155	0	1155
226	Average speed cameras	5000	0	0	0	0
227	Bridge lantern lights	1000	742	1000	297	800
228	Christmas Illuminations	15500	9533	20000	694	20000
229	Sherwood Court land	500	1828	525	390	1525
230	Street furniture/BT boxes	6000	6300	4000	2616	3000
231	War memorial	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		33,100	23,301	30,797	4,025	29,837

Footnotes:

All figures above exclude VAT and are rounded to the nearest £1.

- i) Budget Code 218 – does not include costs for other materials such as compost/fertiliser/bark chippings (this is put under the Parks and General Maintenance budget).
- ii) Budget Code 220 – Cost for hedge work = £33.
- iii) Budget Code 225 – will need quotes this year. Liaise with Ho Ho Helsby.
- iv) Budget Code 226 – funds now moved into earmarked reserves.
- v) Budget Code 228 – funds increased this year to invest in some new decorations.
- vi) Budget Code 229 – £1,000 withheld for work on pavilion. Expected to be paid shortly from this budget.
- vii) Budget Code 230 – south ward noticeboard and Lest We Forget bench purchased under this budget. Should any labour costs and additional materials for installing the new planters and bench be included here (this is currently put under the Parks and General Maintenance budget)?
- viii) Also earmarked reserves of £50,000 for average speed cameras (Code 519), £10,000 for Helsby Community Centre maintenance (Code 520) and £5,363 for CIL payments (Code 505).

7. Miscellaneous Matters

- 7.1. Christmas 2024 – to discuss the outcome of a recent meeting with AMR Technical in relation to new decorations and to consider a quote to remove various tree wraps and install new lighting gear on 2 lighting columns. To seek a member to meet with Ho Ho Helsby along with the Clerk to discuss plans for Christmas 2024.
- 7.2. To consider the potential for a pilot project to manage some of the overgrown vegetation and dirty signs in the village in place of the 2025 Grant Show.
- 7.3. Village planters: to note the latest 'Adopt-a-Planter' volunteer list and completion of the replacement planter scheme.
- 7.4. To note progress with the new community noticeboard for South Ward.

- 7.5. To note progress with the average speed camera project.
 - 7.6. To note progress with the Sherwood Court landscaping project.
 - 7.7. To consider the contents of the latest RoSPA safety inspection held on 3rd April 2024 for Sherwood Court.
 - 7.8. To consider a request from local residents to place some additional benches around the village.
 - 7.9. To discuss the potential for the placement of a wooden carving in the village (courtesy of Frodsham Tree Solutions).
 - 7.10. To receive any updates from the Climate Change Working Group.
8. To discuss any urgent matters requiring immediate attention – for info only.
 9. Date of next meeting – Monday 30th September 2024

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Core members of this committee are: Cllrs. O’Neill, Nicklin, Ellams, Branigan and Foreman.