



Helsby Parish Council

Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held at 6.30pm in the Parish Office at Helsby Community Sports Club on Wednesday 14th December 2022

Present:

Cllr. Terry O'Neill (Chairman)
Cllr. Chris Ellams
Cllr. Peter Duffy (from 6.55pm)
Cllr. Sarah Temple (substitute member)
Cllr. Rob Nicklin (substitute member)
Cllr. Alan Gardner (substitute member – left at 6.55pm)

Also present:

Claire Jones Parish Clerk

1. Public Participation – No matters were brought to the Committee's attention.
2. Apologies were noted from Cllrs. Branigan and Marsh.
3. Declarations of Members' Interests. None were reported.
4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes. It was **RESOLVED that the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 22nd August 2022 be accepted as accurate and duly signed by the Chairman – E28/22.**
5. Matters arising. Under Item 5, it was noted that the defibrillator was on order for the telephone kiosk on Chester Road opposite Bates Lane and that M and Y Construction had completed the re-tarmac work at the car park at Sherwood Court. Under Item 7.3, it was noted that the Clerk and Cllr. O'Neill had met Carmel Clapson to discuss the arts project. It was noted that there still had been no response from Tesco in relation to the electronic screen under Item 7.5. Cllr. Ellams outlined that the Council's screen was currently being used to display the Ho Ho Helsby video and various other local photographs in Helsby Library. As the Tesco screen was now looking unlikely, it was agreed to consider a community noticeboard for South ward as an alternative option. Under Item 7.6, it was noted that all the new planters had been installed. Under Item 7.9, it was noted that the Clerk had been advised by CW&C that a Section 50 licence was not required.
6. Environment Committee budget 2023/24. It was **RESOLVED that the Environment Committee recommend the following budget for 2023/24 totalling £32,000 for the inspection and approval of the Finance Committee – E29/22.**

Budget Heading Code	Description	Budget 2022/23 (£)	Budget Spend to Date (£)	Predicted To 31/03/23 (£)	Budget recommended 2023/24 (£)
218	Bedding Plants	400	505	1104	500
219	Village Clock	300	0	0	0
220	Maltby Triangle/A56 Land	1000	0	500	200
223	Litter/dog/grit bins	400	204	204	400
224	Village Awards	200	0	0	200
225	Ho Ho Traffic M'ment	1050	0	850	0
226	Average speed cameras (R)	5000	0	0	5000
227	Bridge Lantern Lights	1000	518	1142	1000
228	Christmas Illuminations	15500	649	11708	15500
228a	Christmas Tree	3000	0	2500	2700
229	Sherwood Court Land	1000	1303	1303	500
230	Street Furniture/BT boxes	8500	3757	6001	6000
231	War Memorial	0	0	0	0

Footnotes:

- i) Code 218 – includes extra plants for new planters, Welcome to Helsby and Maltby Triangle plants and bedding plants for 2021 season. To add costs for bedding plants for 2022 at £340 and VPA costs at £258.92.
- ii) Code 219 – members chose not to allocate any resources for any maintenance/repairs in 2023/24.
- iii) Code 220 – includes potential costs of removing Christmas lights from tree (as recommended in tree survey).
- iv) Code 223 – CW&C replaced damaged litter bin in park at £204. Some bins may need replacement within the next few years (potentially some dog bins replaced with general litter bins).
- v) Code 224 - not held in 2022. Being proposed for 2023 if staff/volunteer resources allow.
- vi) Code 225 – proposal not to fund in 2023. Clerk to contact Ho Ho Helsby for comment before Finance meeting on 9th January.
- vii) Code 226 – Rename code 'Average speed cameras'. Helsby not chosen for PCC average speed camera pilot project but may be some potential for expenditure in 2023. Agreed to move £5,000 into a new 'earmarked' code (new number to be designated in Scribe).
- viii) Code 227 - £550 paid last year. 60% savings on running costs likely in 2023 as now replaced current lamps with LED, although price of electricity has risen considerably. Also includes cost of LED conversion at £424.
- ix) Code 228 – 2021/22 electrical costs of £649 paid this year. To add costs of new lighting/repairs, AMR Technical costs and electrical costs for 2022/23. To explore options for trees currently wrapped in lights next year given the large number of failed lights this year. Keep budget at £15,500 to account for any new displays. Committee to look at a 'Christmas lighting strategy' in 2023.
- x) Code 228a - to add Mega Electrical costs at £2,500. Mega costs are £2,625 in 2023.

- xi) Code 229 – Includes table tennis repair at £1,215 (£500 grant funded from CW&C Members Budgets) and ROSPA inspection at £87.50. An additional £10,000 set aside under earmarked reserves for any future landscaping work.
- xii) Code 230 - new planters and noticeboards purchased. £1,500 vired from this code to Code 264 (H&S). Project to install defibrillator in empty BT kiosk on Chester Road also planned at £2,244 (£1,500 grant funded from CW&C Members Budgets). Possible additional new planters, benches and noticeboard for South Ward in 2023.

7. No matters requiring immediate attention were raised.

8. Date of next meeting – Monday 20th February 2023.

The meeting closed at 7.24pm

Chairman's signature Dated.....

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