



Helsby Parish Council

Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held at 6.30pm in the Parish Office at Helsby Community Sports Club on Wednesday 15th December 2021

Present:

Cllr. Paul Standing (Chairman)
Cllr. Terry O'Neill
Cllr. Chris Ellams

Also present:

Claire Jones Parish Clerk

1. Public Participation – It was **RESOLVED that the meeting be suspended for public participation – E19/21**. There being no matters brought to the Committee's attention, it was **RESOLVED that Public Air Time be closed and the meeting reconvened – E20/21**.
2. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Duffy, Gardner and Branigan.
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 23rd August 2021 be accepted as accurate and duly signed by the Chairman – E21/21**.
5. Matters arising. Under Item 7.6, it was noted that an application had been submitted to the CW&C Members Budgets Award Scheme for the table tennis table replacement. The Clerk agreed to follow this up with Cllr. Bowers. It was also noted that MP, Mike Amesbury, had written a good letter to the Council in relation to his support for the average speed camera pilot scheme. Cllr. O'Neill reported that plans to install a toucan crossing for Helsby High School adjacent to Godscroft Lane had been opposed and further consultation was now expected on an alternative location closer to Frodsham.
6. Environment Committee budget 2022/23. It was **RESOLVED that the Environment Committee recommend the following budget for 2022/23 totalling £38,850 for the inspection and approval of the Finance Committee – E22/21**.

Budget Heading Code	Description	Budget 2021/22 £	Budget Spend to Date £	Predicted to 31/03/22 (£)	Budget recommended 2022/23 (£)
218	Planters/Bedding Plants	400	255	505	400
219	Village Clock	0	0	0	300

220	Maltby Triangle/A56 Land	500	434	434	1000
223	Litter/dog/grit bins	400	0	908	400
224	Village Awards	200	0	0	200
225	Ho Ho Traffic M'ment	1050	0	1020	1050
226	Road Safety	0	0	0	5000
227	Bridge Lantern Lights	1000	399	600	1000
228	Christmas Illuminations	15500	90	7742	15500
228a	Christmas Tree	3000	0	2990	3000
229	Sherwood Court Land	1500	756	1500	1000
230	Street Furniture/BT boxes	250	0	250	10000
231	War Memorial	0	0	0	0

Footnotes:

- i) Code 218 - to add costs for bedding plants for 2021 at £250. To reword code to 'Bedding Plants' from 2022/23.
- ii) Code 219 – to continue allocating funds in case of any maintenance/repair requirements.
- iii) Code 220 – budget covers tree maintenance only (all other costs are allocated against Code 213 Parks and General Maintenance and Code 214 Grass Cutting).
- iv) Code 223 – to replace litter bin in park at £908. Some grit and dog bins may potentially need to be repaired/replaced within the next few years.
- v) Codes 224 - not held due to Covid. Plans to carry out awards in 2022/23 depending on Covid restrictions at the time.
- vi) Code 225 – to seek tenders for next year and beyond.
- vii) Code 226 – to add £5000 for the average speed camera pilot scheme in case the Council is successful with its application to the PCC and ChALC.
- viii) Code 227 - £525 paid last year, expected to be similar. Potential to replace current lamps with LED lamps (60% savings on running costs) - see Item 7.1 below.
- ix) Code 228 - Contractor costs around £7152 plus £90 repairs/spare parts, plus electricity costs at £500. Keep budget the same as 2021/22 given the limited shelf life of many lights and the potential to purchase some additional decorations in 2022/23 where there are gaps. Need to seek tenders for next year and beyond.
- x) Code 228a - to add Northwich Town Council costs at £2990.
- xi) Code 229 – Includes tree and hedge maintenance work. To add table tennis repair at £715 (potential grant from CW&C Members Budgets). Some additional hedge cutting required.
- xii) Code 230 – potential projects to replace the village planters (£6,000) and to install a defibrillator in empty BT kiosk on Chester Road (£3,000).

7. Miscellaneous Matters

7.1. It was noted that a quote had been received from AMR Technical in relation to replacing the lantern lighting on the bridge adjacent to Tesco with 60w LED lamps. It was **RESOLVED to recommend to Full Council to accept the quote of £424 plus VAT – £23/21.**

7.2. It was noted that at the July 2021 meeting, it had been agreed to source quotes for replacing the community noticeboard at the ginnel on Mountain View and for another similar noticeboard at a different location, such as the new sports club. The Clerk presented a report outlining the details of quotes and recommending that the Council approved the purchase of several new noticeboards. After a lengthy discussion, the following recommendations were made:

- Cemetery noticeboard – a small (1 or 2 sheet of A4) sized noticeboard for the railings displaying the Clerk’s contact details and other relevant information to be considered by the PCA Committee at a later date.
- Main HPC noticeboard currently on Chester Road/Station Ave – to relocate this board within the grounds of Helsby Community Sports Club, making it more convenient for the Clerk to update with statutory information/agendas etc. when required and to promote the location of the new parish office within the sports club.
- To purchase 3 new satellite noticeboards to display community notices in each ward (Hillside, Horns Mill and main shopping area). Each to contain a note saying ‘This board is maintained by HPC, contact the Clerk, etc.’ To contain static PC information and selected community notices as regulated by the Clerk.

The Clerk to produce a report with the above recommendations and costs for the January Full Council meeting.

8. No matters requiring immediate attention were raised.
9. Date of next meeting – Monday 21st February 2022.

The meeting closed at 7.21pm

Chairman’s signature Dated.....

Core members of this committee are: Cllrs. Standing, O’Neill, Duffy, Gardner, Ellams and Branigan.

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