

CLAYTON-LE-WOODS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 28TH JANUARY 2019 AT 7.00PM
AT CHORLEY BUSINESS CENTRE, EUXTON

PRESENT: Councillor M Clifford (Chairman)
Councillor J Cronshaw
Councillor S Edwards-Williams
Councillor J Norris
Councillor G Ormston
Councillor D Rogerson

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs G Egan (Project Officer)
Mrs TD Morris (Clerk)

	ACTION
<p>19.01 APOLOGIES</p> <p>There were no apologies.</p>	
<p>19.02 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN</p> <p>There were two nominations for the position of Chair Councillor M Clifford and Councillor G Ormston. Following a vote Councillor M Clifford was elected Chair until the May 2019 election.</p>	
<p>19.03 DECLARATION OF INTEREST</p> <p>There was a declaration of Interest from Councillor M Clifford as an associate of the Wildlife Trust.</p>	
<p>19.04 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON 4th DECEMBER 2018</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the minutes held on 4th December 2018 were approved as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman</p>	
<p>19.05 MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>18.32 Leonora Carrington Plaque The Project Officer reported that she and Councillor G Ormston would continue to liaise with each other and report back to the committee in due course.</p>	GO/PO

18.33 Two Trees Community Garden

The Clerk reported that she had directed the group to the donations application and that their application would be reviewed when it was submitted.

18.34 Budget Proposals 2019/20

The members noted that their budget proposals had gone forward and the finalised budget had been ratified at the last FPC meeting.

19.06 PARISH GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT 2019/20

The committee discussed the various options that were available.

It was noted at the present time there was a cut and drop contract in place. The councillors had received complaints regarding the non-collection of the grass and the quality of the grass would be improved by collecting the grass.

It was recommended to Finance Committee that the contact be awarded to Envirocare Ltd at a cost of £5,500 on a one year basis at the present time.

FSB

19.07 PARISH HANGING BASKET CONTRACT 2019-2021

Everyone was impressed by the quality of the hanging baskets that had been supplied by Plantscape.

Alternative options were discussed; however it was recommended to Finance that the 3 year contract would be awarded to Plantscape at an annual cost of 5161.40 +VAT

FSB

19.08 PROPOSAL TO INSTALL PUBLIC DOGGY BAG DISPENSERS

The proposal was to enhance the environment with the provision of doggy bag dispensers located around the parish. It was agreed that 4 sites would be identified in the first instance. The clerk stated that the project could be financed by CIL funding as it seemed to meet the criteria.

The members were provided with 3 differing options and the associated costs which were discussed in detail. It was agreed that the design option by Glasdon would be the preferred option.

PO/Clerk/MC

It was agreed that the project be investigated and that permission would have to be granted from Chorley Council in the first instance.

19.09 LOCATION OF LITTER BINS / PROVISION WIGAN ROAD ESTATES

Councillor D Rogerson advised the meeting that he had noticed the lack infrastructure on the new estates on Wigan Road. He proposed that the parish council could provide litter bins in that area.

After due discussion the members noted that Chorley Council were responsible for providing litter bins in the area.

It was requested that the Clerk/PO investigate the matter and report back to the committee in due course.

Clerk/PO

19.10 BANKSIDE

Footpath Update

It was proposed that the footpath that linked Bankside and Preston Road be reinstated. It was noted that the footpath could be considered under CIL funding once the necessary permissions had been granted. There was a discussion regarding ongoing liability and health and safety issues of reinstating the footpath.

It was agreed that the matter be investigated further and that a site visit with Lancashire County Council should be arranged to progress the situation. The officers would report back in due course.

Clerk/PO

Bollards and Parking Issues

After due discussion the proposal was that the matter be raised at the next FPC meeting to request that the removal of the bollards and parking restrictions be imposed on rubbish collection day.

FPC

19.11 REPORT BACK LANE WOODS

Woodland Management Scheme Update

There was an in depth discussion regarding the Woodland Management Plan and the costs of the professional management of the woods. The Wild Life Trust had provided an evaluation of costs for the management the woods, undertaking the work and promoting the woods as a community nature reserve.

It was proposed that the recommendation to the FPC would be to go ahead with formulating a specification document to issue to contractors to tender for the work.

FPC

There was a vote and the committee voted 5 for and 1 against the recommendation.

19.12 UPDATE ON WHITTLE SPINNEY FOOTPATHS

Response from Woodland Trust/LCC

It was noted that the work could be undertaken under the CIL funding. However there needed to be an investigation into the health and safety, ongoing maintenance and liabilities that the parish council may be liable for in the future.

It was requested that the officers investigate the various liabilities and ongoing responsibilities with Lancashire County Council and the Woodland Trust.

PO/Clerk

19.13 DEFIBRILLATOR PROVISION IN PARISH

The members were advised that the proposed sites for the next phase of defibrillators were at the Clayton Brook Community Centre on Pendle Road shopping parade and at Whitethorn sheltered housing. It was noted that this project would be considered for CIL funding.

It was agreed to go forward with the plan with the proviso that the siting, ongoing monitoring and maintenance would have to be agreed with the individual organisations.

Clerk

19.14 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE (SPID) LOCATION REPORT

Councillor M Clifford informed the meeting that the parish owned one SPID device and that there were around a dozen brackets dotted around the parish. Councillor Clifford and a previous member had undergone the required training provided by LCC. Other members could be trained after the May election

The SPID deployment was led by requests from residents and known traffic hotspots, covering all the locations equally over a period of time.

Councillor Clifford explained that the SPID units had been provided with a mobile stand which meant that the SPID could be deployed at the roadside with permission form LCC.

The members were informed that there had been requests from residents to place a SPID on Chorley Old Road. The Clerk had contacted the Highways Department at Lancashire County Council to enquire about mounting a one of the spare brackets from Lancaster Lane on Chorley Old Road.

It was agreed that once the location had been finalised with LCC the recommendation was to have a new bracket on Chorley Old Road. It was also agreed to pursue permission to deploy the SPID by the roadside with LCC.

MC/Clerk

It was agreed that there should more publicity for the SPID via web page, Facebook and the newsletter in the future.

MC/Clerk

19.15 NORTH WEST IN BLOOM COMPETITION

There was a discussion regarding entering the North West in Bloom competition for 2019.

It was noted that the judges report had been distributed to the committee. The comments had been very positive and encouraging.

The first proposal was to enter the NW in Bloom competition in 2019 which did not have a seconder.

The second proposal was not to enter the competition in 2019 and concentrate on building community links and making grants available to community groups.

This proposal was voted on and there were 5 in favour and 1 against.

The recommendation the FPC would be to rescind the resolution from September 2018 allocating £5,000 to NW in Bloom.

FPC

It was requested that the PO/Clerk investigate the provision of a maintenance contract for the existing beds and advise the committee of the costs.

Clerk/PO

19.16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date for the next meeting was arranged for Monday 4th March 2018 at 7.00pm