

CLAYTON-LE-WOODS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 13th JANUARY 2020 AT 7.00PM
AT CHORLEY BUSINESS CENTRE, EUXTON

PRESENT: Councillor M Clifford (Chairman)
Councillor D Clough
Councillor J Cronshaw
Councillor S Edwards-Williams

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

		ACTION
20.01 APOLOGIES	There were received and accepted for Councillor G Ormston.	
20.02 DECLARATION OF INTEREST	There was a declaration of Interest from Councillor Mark Clifford as an associate of the Wildlife Trust and as a Chorley Councillor championing the environment and green spaces.	
20.03 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25th NOVEMBER 2019	It was RESOLVED that the minutes held on 25 th November 2019 were approved as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.	
20.04 MATTERS ARISING		
	19.42 St Helen's Well Licence The Clerk stated that she had made contact with the Woodland Trust and a licence was in the process of being drawn up. The Clerk would table the item for approval once a draft had been received.	Clerk
	19.43 Cunnery Meadow Perimeter Cut/Tidy Bankside It was noted that Envirocare had quoted £700 for the work at Cunnery Meadow. It was agreed that the Clerk could go ahead with the work once the letters confirming what was happening had been sent to the neighbours.	Clerk
	The work at Bankside had been completed satisfactorily.	

19.44 Provision of Winter Bedding/ Daffodils

There was a discussion regarding planting perennials rather than bedding plants in the parish owned beds. It was agreed on balance that the residents enjoyed the colour that was provided by the bedding plants. The Committee agreed to go forward with Winter and Summer Bedding on an annual contract subject to review in due course.

Councillor M Clifford stated that the daffodil planting had been successful and he had secured a second bag of daffodils to plant at Bankside. The Members would wait to see the results.

19.46 Provision of Bin on Pendle Road

Councillor M Clifford stated that he was due to have a meeting with Sean Blake (Chorley Council Street Scene) to move forward with this issue.

MC

19.47 Update of Doggy Bag Dispensers

It was noted that the dispensers at Wood End Road and Birch Field seem to be working well along with Osborne Drive. However the dispenser on Cunnery Meadow had been vandalised re-sited and doggy bags removed and thrown around the area.

It was agreed that if on further inspection this trend had continued that a different location would have to be found possible on Higher Meadow/Spring Meadow and the dispenser would have to be pulled out to prevent further acts of vandalism.

MC

It was noted that the price of the doggy bags were expensive as they were being purchased from the manufacturer of dispensers. Councillor M Clifford volunteered to look into a cheaper solution and would report back in due course.

MC

19.48 Leonora Carrington Update

The Clerk stated that the quote for the licence was £96.00 as a one off cost. It was agreed to go ahead with the purchase of the licence in lieu of going ahead with the information board.

Clerk/PO

19.49 Bankside Footpath Update

The Clerk stated that the consultation period would be coming to an end shortly and that once clearance had been given the contractor would go ahead with the work.

19.50 Budget Considerations 2020/21

The Clerk confirmed that the budget recommendations would be tabled to the Finance Committee for scrutiny.

19.51 Silent Soldier Re-Siting

The Clerk informed the Members that the Project Officer had liaised with Chorley Council and LCC to seek permission to site the Soldier on the Sandy Lane roundabout. Apparently LCC wished to have proof of impact reports prior to giving permission. This had not proved possible.

It was decided to have a rethink about siting the Silent Soldier and bring this item back to the Committee in due course.

Env Comm

20.05 ALLOCATION OF CONTRACT FOR BACK LANE WOODS

This item was deemed a confidential item due to its commercially sensitive nature.

After due deliberation one contractor was selected and the recommendation would be tabled at FPC for consideration.

FPC

20.06 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The scheduled meeting date is to be finalised within the next quarter.

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CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

20.05 ALLOCATION OF CONTRACT FOR BACK LANE WOODS

1.Upgrading Work

The Clerk distributed the summary evaluation sheet for the Members to scrutinise.

The Two contractors who submitted their bids for the remedial work were Conservation Contracts North West Ltd (CCNW) and The Wildlife Trust (WLT). Only the Wildlife Trust had submitted a bid for the maintenance work.

CCNW Bid was for £43,501.00+VAT (Evaluation total 64/129)
WLT bid was for £44,065.00+VAT(Evaluation Total 76/129)

The evaluation process and points scoring was discussed in detail. The Wildlife Trust had scored more highly than CCNW overall and after due consideration.

The Environment Committee voted 3 in favour and one abstention to recommend to FPC to award the contract to the Wildlife Trust at a cost of £44,065.00 + VAT.

The Clerk stated that the Working Group had discussed the added extras which the WLT had submitted for consideration. After due deliberation the Working Group had recommended that the added extras be taken on board at a cost of some £7,355.00+VAT

The Environment Committee voted 3 in favour and one abstention to go forward with the recommendations of the Working Group to award the contract with the add-ons in the sum of (£44,065.00+VAT plus £7,355.00+VAT) £51,420+VAT which will be tabled at the FPC meeting for approval.

2.Maintenance Contract

It was reported that the Wildlife Trust had submitted a maintenance schedule plus costs for scrutiny.

The maintenance contract would cost around £12,500 (Year 1-5) £13,700 (Year 6–10) per year plus a contingency sum. The Working Group reviewed the documents and recommended that the Parish Council go ahead with the maintenance plan subject to a formal legal agreement being drawn up.

It was agreed by the Environment Committee (3 votes in favour and one abstention) to recommend to the FPC that the Parish Council would go ahead with the maintenance plan with the Wildlife Trust subject to a legal framework being drawn up.