

CLAYTON-LE-WOODS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 4th JANUARY 2023 AT 7.00PM
AT THE PARISH MEETING ROOM

PRESENT: Councillor M Clifford (Chairman)
Councillor L Farnworth
Councillor N Whitham

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs TD Morris (Clerk)

23.01 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted for Cllr D Clough.

23.02 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There was a declaration of Interest from Councillor Mark Clifford as County Councillor for Clayton and Whittle and Chorley Councillor responsible for the environment and green spaces.

23.03 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13th June 2022

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes held on 13th June 2022 were approved as a correct record.

23.04 MATTERS ARISING

22.19 Reporting Structure The Lancashire Wild Life Trust

This was discussed within the meeting.

22.23 Doggy Bag Dispensers Bags

This has already been agreed at FPC. It was noted that there was sufficient bags to go through into the next financial year. Cllr M Clifford also stated that there had been a big reduction in the reporting of dog fouling in the parish.

22.24 Defibrillator Update

This was already on the agenda.

22.26 Skip Day

It was noted that the skip day in 2021 was a great success

ACTION

23.05 BUDGET REVIEW 2022/23

The budget was reviewed and the requests were noted to be forwarded to the Finance Committee. It was noted that Council would need to be mindful of the cost of living increase which would affect the budget going forward.

23.06 SPIDS UPDATE

The Clerk reported that the posts had been installed and that the SPID units were due to be in place by the end of January 2023. There was discussion regarding the mobile SPID unit and its purpose going forward. It was decided to wait and see if there were any further hot spots in the village near the existing brackets and the mobile unit can then be deployed. Other Members will need to undertake the necessary training.

AA

23.07 REVIEW OF CHRISTMAS TREE/LIGHT EXTENSION OF LIGHTS AND PROPOSALS FOR 2023

The Members agreed that the current lights were right for the area and there were no proposals to extend the lights for 2023. Cllr M Clifford explained the remote control system for the lamp post lights and the teething problems that had been resolved.

23.08 UPDATE ON DEFIBRILLATOR AT CO-OP

There was a detailed discussion regarding the provision of a defibrillator at the Co-op on Wigan Road. It was agreed to deploy the Chorley Council approved defibrillator sold by the Defib Store at a cost of £1424 + VAT plus installation of £248.77 + VAT.

AA

23.09 REVIEW OF HANGING BASKET PROVISION AND PROPOSALS FOR 2023

The Members were informed that Plantscape had submitted a quotation for 2023 which at £4092.80 + VAT which was some £625 higher than 2022. It was noted that there it was no longer the responsibility of the Parish to undertake the lamp post inspections which cost £1300 last year.

The Members agreed to go ahead with the contract again this year. It was requested that there be a review of the baskets placed on Lancaster Lane with the aim to redistribute the extra baskets on Sheephill Lane.

Clerk/AA

23.10 REVIEW OF ENVIROCARE CONTRACT 2023

The Clerk informed the Committee that a quote had not yet been received from Envirocare.

It was requested that quotes be obtained from Duxbury's and Chorley Council as well as from Envirocare.

23.11 UPDATE ON LIGHTING AND CCTV AT CUNNERY MEADOW

Cllr M Clifford explained the situation regarding the CCTV provision and the lighting on Cunnery Meadow. The CCTV had been purchased and it was now awaiting the technical wiring system to be connected.

Cllr Clifford stated that he would chase up the situation with Chorley Council with the hope that the CCTV would be installed shortly.

23.12 BACK LANE WOODS UPDATE

The Clerk reported on the meeting held with the Lancashire Wild Life Trust (WLT). It was a positive meeting in which the WLT had stated that Back Lane woods would be a key focus during 2023. The Members were informed about upcoming surveys and the installation of two permanent information boards. It was noted that a time table of quarterly reports would be scheduled from March 2023.

There was a discussion regarding the annual fees which were currently at some £12,400 + VAT. The WLT had not indicated any increase in the annual fees at the present time.

The Management Agreement would be chased up and it was planned that the signed agreement would be returned to the Parish Council by the end of January 2023.

The Clerk stated that she would distribute the written report of the meeting with the Minutes.

Clerk

23.13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Members were informed that the plan would be to diary date 4 meetings per year which could be utilised if deemed necessary.

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