



Stainland and District Parish Council 3rd Environment Committee Minutes

31st January 2019

Present

Councillor J Crossley (Chair), Councillor L Fieldhouse, Councillor M James, Councillor S Halliday (minute taker), Mark Spencer (CMBC Safer Cleaner Greener)

	Item
18.E3,1	<p>Apologies and Reasons for Absence and Lateness To receive apologies and approve any reasons for absence presented to the Council <i>Councillor Bellenger sent his apologies.</i> It was resolved to note the apologies and approve the reasons for absence.</p>
18.E3,2	<p>Public Participation Session. A resident asked if the structure for The Safer Cleaner Greener, that was going to be re-named Green Spaces and Street Scene Services could be looked at. <i>The Parish Council advised that this was not a matter that that fell within their remit.</i></p>
18.E3,3	<p>To receive Parish Councillors' declarations of interest <i>Councillor Halliday declared an interest in Drury Lane allotments</i></p>
18.E3,4	<p>To accept the minutes of the 2nd Environment Committee meeting of Stainland and District Parish Council held on Thursday 25th October 2018 a) for the Chair to sign & date the previous minutes <i>It was resolved to approve said minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting and they were signed by the Chair.</i></p>
18.E3,5	<p>Correspondence To discuss correspondence received and consider any necessary action <i>Correspondence received from a resident regarding matters dealt with previously and also covered by items 18.E3.11 and 18.E3.12</i></p>
18.E3,6	<p>To discuss Calderdale MBC's Safer Cleaner Greener's plans for maintaining the Parish Council area to a good standard with Mark Spencer from Calderdale MBC. <i>Mr Spencer advised a small team of gardeners are responsible for the area from West Vale to Sowood. Another member of staff covers the schools and parks. There is also a van based litter picker who will stop & collect litter where needed.</i> <i>The request from the Parish Council for two new litter bins in Stainland Road is pending, waiting for the new lampposts to be installed first. It was suggested that a bin could be mounted to the school warning sign near West View on Stainland Road. Near Oakes House entrance a bin is needed due to the volume of dropped litter there. Further discussion was had as to whether this could be a floor mounted bin or attached to a street sign.</i> <i>The Parish Council asked if a schedule of works could be provided. Mr Spencer advised that there is no written schedule. All maintenance is reactionary dependent on needs and according to staff assessment. The amount of footfall in an area relates to the amount of work done ie an area with high use & lots of litter are visited more frequently. It was advised that the grass cutting is set at 7 times a year but it was agreed The Square would be cut more frequently.</i></p>

18.E3.7	<p>To receive an update on the possibility of the Parish Council installing & maintaining lamppost hanging baskets. <i>The following prices were quoted by Mr Spencer: supplying & watering the plants - £48 + vat per lamppost brackets: Single £44 Double £53 (one off cost with a life expectancy of approx. 10-20 years) installation cost would be extra.</i> <i>The person to contact is Peter Oddy who is based at Manor Heath but it would be advisable to wait until the new lampposts are installed first. Mr Spencer to forward more details.</i></p>
18.E3.8	<p>To receive an update on The Square, Holywell Green <i>2 cherry trees have been planted already that were donated by Safer Cleaner Greener. A discussion was held regarding where the trees have been sited. It was resolved they could be relocated and Cllr Fieldhouse has offered to do this. The grass requires rolling to flatten it. Mr Spencer will organise for this to be carried out in Spring 2019. Simon Booth is to meet with Cllr Fieldhouse to advise on the placing of flower planters to accommodate mowing. The Parish Council passed their thanks onto Safer Cleaner Greener for placing the Christmas tree in The Square & Safer Cleaner Greener will also arrange for it to be taken down & disposed of. Replacement plaque - wording to state that the square was gifted by the Shaw Family and was refurbished by the Parish Council in 2018. Action: Cllr Crossley to organise quotes for a plaque to be made to this effect.</i></p>
18.E3.9	<p>To receive an update on the allotment transfer <i>The last correspondence from CMBC was on 11th January 2019 advising that the Legal Section were looking into the matter of ownership prior to any further action being taken. Action: clerk to contact CMCB for an update on the situation.</i></p>
18.E3.10	<p>To receive an update on Wesley graveyard <i>CMBC advised the Parish Council on 23rd January 2019 that this was on the winter maintenance schedule but no time frame could be given as they were busy with burials.</i></p>
18.E3.11	<p>To discuss vandalism and motorbike use in and around Stainland Memorial Park <i>Mr Spencer advised that he would speak to Graham Gibbons regarding how best to secure the entrance points, however this may not be a useful action as unfortunately some of the bikes are very small and can be lifted over walls/ barriers. The police team are looking at the motorbike use – this is an issue across Calderdale and very difficult to address. Community Safety Wardens have also been informed.</i></p>
18.E3.12	<p>To discuss the upkeep of prominent flower beds in the district</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>It was noted that this has to be done by volunteers or the Parish Council can pay for a gardener.</i> • <i>Plantation opposite the Holywell Green Inn – Shaw Park did a clear up & piled all the rubbish in one corner (metal etc). This needs removing & Andrew Pitts had agreed to remove it when the brambles had died back in Winter. If it needs a road closure / traffic lights to park a car on the corner it may be more complicated. Mr Spencer to investigate. It was noted that if the Parish Council was to employ a contractor to do the work the same restrictions would apply.</i> • <i>Memorial Park / Fall Spring Gardens Exit – some concrete posts need cutting off.</i> • <i>Stainland Rec Wildflowers – it was asked if they will need re-seeding this year. The advice was that they will not need re-seeding for a further 4-5 years.</i> • <i>Shaw Park – the well will be tidied up this year. Shaw Park Group purchased too many cobbles & have asked for a stone wall to be built with them, which isn't possible due to the manpower available to Safer Cleaner Greener. Mr Spencer will arrange for the cobbles to be put into storage.</i> • <i>Dog Waste Bins in Stainland Park – the one at the far end of the park will not be re-</i>

	<p><i>placed due to the distance for the collector to empty it.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Knee Rail Fence at Stainland Rec – will the fence between carpark and park be replaced? Graham Gibbons is looking at using some unspent ward forum money to pay for this. A request was made that the Parish Council be updated on the progress of this.</i>
18.E3.13	<p>To agree Agenda items for the next meeting <i>No items were agreed</i></p>
18.E3.14	<p>To agree a date and time for the next meeting <i>No date or time were agreed</i></p>