



Stainland and District Parish Council 5th Environmental Committee Minutes

10th October 2019

Present:

Councillor L Fieldhouse (Chair), Councillor M Mullany (minute taker), Councillor A Foster

Members of the Public: 1

	Item
19.E5.1	<p>Apologies and Reasons for Absence and Lateness To receive apologies and approve any reasons for absence presented to the Council. <i>Cllrs Bellenger, Doherty & Dixon sent their apologies.</i> It was resolved to accept the apologies. <i>No apologies were received from Cllrs Lee or Holdsworth.</i></p>
19.E5.2	<p>Public Participation Session <i>A member of the public attended who has a general interest in the meeting and expressed interest in helping the committee with its work.</i></p>
19.E5.3	<p>To receive Parish Councillors' declarations of interest. <i>No declarations of interests were received.</i></p>
19.E5.4	<p>To accept the minutes of the 4th Environment Committee meeting of Stainland and District Parish Council held on Wednesday 11th September 2019 a) for the Chair to sign & date the previous minutes. It was resolved to approve said minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting and they were signed by the Chair. <i>Actions from the 4th meeting were reviewed in order to confirm what progress had been made:</i> The Square, Holywell Green - Cllr Fieldhouse reported that weed treatment had now been undertaken and the area was looking well Stainland Conservation Area Character Appraisal – Cllr Mullany reported that a meeting had not yet been arranged with Calderdale MBC. Action: Cllr Mullany to contact Cllr Bellenger to progress this.</p> <p>Correspondence An email was received from a member of the public, raising two questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • regarding air pollution resulting from idling engines during the school run at local primary schools. <i>This question was directed to Ward Councillors & it was resolved that it be referred to them in the first instance.</i> • had the Parish Council had signed a petition presented to CMBC regarding the use of the pesticide Glyphosate in the Calderdale area. <i>Cllr Mullany agreed to respond to the correspondent and make information about the issue and the petition available to the Council via the clerk.</i>
19.E5.5	<p>To finalise the arrangements for placing a skip within the area.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To finalise the site • To finalise the date & times • To discuss the quotes obtained & agree which company will supply the skip • To agree who will “man” the skip. • To agree the final wording of promotional material. • To agree who will distribute the promotional material. . <p><i>Cllr Bellenger had emailed the committee members stating that he was unable to support the planned skip project in Stainland as currently proposed, due to it only including part of the West View/The Crescent estate, and that his opposition be minuted. Cllr Bellenger’s position was acknowledged and noted.</i></p> <p><i>In light of Cllr Bellenger’s correspondence noted above, it was resolved that this matter be referred to the Full Council meeting on 17/10/2019 for final approval. A discussion of the pros and cons of the committee’s preferred option (a trial project involving a single skip sited at the top of West View and publicised to West View residents only) and an alternative option (involving two skips serving both West View and The Crescent) took place. Efforts were made to establish any facts which would be required to inform the Council meeting eg costs and siting options for alternative option.</i></p> <p><i>A draft leaflet for distribution to residents was discussed. It was resolved that a mobile telephone number be included to enable residents to check requirements or ask for assistance.</i></p> <p>Action: Cllr Fieldhouse to amend the draft leaflet for distribution to residents</p> <p>Action: Cllr Fieldhouse to request that the clerk include the skip project as an item on the Council agenda for 17th October.</p> <p>Action: Cllr Foster to visit The Crescent with a view to identifying a potential alternative site.</p> <p>Action: Cllr Fieldhouse to complete draft risk assessment.</p>
19.E5.6	<p>To discuss the placing of Christmas trees within the Parish.</p> <p><i>It was resolved to purchase a 15ft tree for the <u>The Square, Holywell Green</u> at a cost of £150 (from Tommy Topsoil). This compared with a quote of £700 for a 20ft tree from CMBC. CMBC have agreed to take the tree away after the Christmas period. It was also resolved to try to site a small tree on the cobbled area in Holywell Green at the top of Station Road.</i></p> <p><i>Other trees in the Parish will be at:</i></p> <p><i><u>Sowood</u> (to be supplied by CMBC)</i></p> <p><i><u>Outlane</u> (to be supplied by Kirklees MBC)</i></p> <p><i><u>Stainland</u> (existing trees at Bowling Green and opposite St Andrew’s church)</i></p> <p><i><u>Jagger Green</u> – it was resolved that the Local In Bloom group be contacted regarding the purchase of a small potted tree to be located near the park area, and that the group be requested to ‘adopt’ the tree after the Christmas period. In addition some local door knocking or a posted notice about the proposal may be required. It was resolved this small tree be bought along with Holywell Green tree from same supplier.</i></p>
19.E5.7	<p>To consider identifying the position & status of prominent trees within the Parish & to consider requesting Tree Preservation Orders for unprotected significant trees or areas of trees.</p> <p><i>Cllr Fieldhouse outlined this project which involves identification of important trees within the parish which are not currently protected by TPOs. Cllr Fieldhouse stated that in recent years valuable trees had been lost and there were also examples of protected trees standing opposite trees of apparently equal amenity value which were not protected (eg TPO’d trees at Oakes House and unprotected trees at Holywell Hall)</i></p> <p><i>The idea was to undertake a survey of potential candidates for TPOs within the parish (based primarily on their amenity value to local communities) including gathering photographic evidence of these.</i></p> <p>Action: Cllr Fieldhouse to request TPO maps and data for the parish from CMBC</p> <p>Action: Cllr Mullany to establish criteria for TPO designation</p>
19.E5.8	<p>To discuss employing a Handyperson to carry out jobs within the Parish.</p> <p><i>This proposal was for the Council to engage a handyperson to carry out small jobs on it’s behalf. The person would need to be self-employed with own insurance (including public</i></p>

	<p>liability) Action: Cllr Fieldhouse to prepare Job Description for the next meeting of the Environment committee.</p>
19.E5.9	<p>To discuss a possible Christmas Film event It was resolved to defer discussion of this event to the next Events & Communications Committee</p>
19.E5.10	<p>To review the draft Terms of Reference for the committee. Cllr Mullany proposed under the section on scope that an additional bullet point be added: "to be responsible for upholding the Council's duty (under Section 40 of the Natural Environment Rural Communities Act 2006) to have regard to the purpose of conserving biodiversity" (applies to all public bodies including town and parish councils) Cllr Mullany requested under the same section, bullet point 5 that the words "including the Public Rights of Way network" be added after "highways." Action: the clerk to add the amendments prior to discussion at the Full Council meeting on 17th October 2019</p>
19.E5.11	<p>To hear feedback on initial investigations in to costs of possible projects <u>Iron Railings at Stainland Road, Holywell Green</u> Cllr Fieldhouse reported that she had received two quotes for repainting the railings. One was for £22,000, the other for £8,000. (both not including restoration of corroded ironwork). Regarding the CMBC land to the rear of the railings, CMBC said this could be cleared this winter with a view to potentially establishing a small wildflower area</p>
19.E5.12	<p>To agree Agenda items for the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skip project review/next steps • Update on TPO project • Update on Handyman • Proposed Co-option of Tony Weeks to the committee
19.E5.13	<p>To agree a date and time for the next meeting. 29th October 2019 at 6.30pm at Stainland Library.</p>

Meeting closed at: 8.40pm