



Stainland and District Parish Council 7th Environmental Committee Minutes

26th November 2019

Present:

Councillor L Fieldhouse (Chair), Councillor M Mullany (minute taker), Councillor Foster, Alex Lyness-Brown (AL-B), & Tony Weeks.

Members of the Public: 0

	Item
19.E7.1	<p>Apologies and Reasons for Absence and Lateness To receive apologies and approve any reasons for absence presented to the Council. <i>Cllrs Doherty & Lee sent their apologies.</i> It was resolved to accept the apologies. <i>No apologies were received from Cllr Bellenger prior to the meeting</i></p>
19.E7.2	<p>Public Participation Session <i>No members of the public attended</i></p>
19.E7.3	<p>To receive Parish Councillors' declarations of interest. <i>No declarations of interests were received.</i></p>
19.E7.4	<p>To accept the minutes of the 6th Environment Committee meeting of Stainland and District Parish Council held on Tuesday 29th October 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.</p>
19.E7.5	<p>To discuss the Parish Councillors attending Safer Greener Cleaner meetings <i>Cllr Fieldhouse reported that there are SGC stakeholder meetings for Lower Calder Valley, held in Elland, provide a wide variety of updates from partners under the SGC remit. Cllr Bellenger already attends these as Ward Councillor. They are not public meetings but attendance by Parish Councillors would be appropriate. The clerk had previously circulated a list of future meeting dates.</i> It was resolved that Cllr Foster would attend next meeting in January. ALB and TW also were also available to attend.</p>
19.E7.6	<p>To discuss the Woodland Trust Tree Charter & the consultation of residents in relation to planting native trees at Sowood Park <i>Cllr Fieldhouse had asked Mark Spencer of SGC for permission to plant small trees/low growing shrubs in Sowood Park. The response was that leaf fall and any impact on nearby residents and other park users would need to be considered. Appropriate consultation would be required in the local area.</i> It was resolved consultation would be in the form of leaflets, a notice on the park noticeboard and social media posts. Trees would be obtained free from the Woodland Trust. <i>TW requested the Parish Council look to use biodegradable rather than plastic tree guards. Correspondence from a local resident in the form of an informative article outlining previous tree planting initiatives in the local area was considered. The article indicated the need to choose areas carefully for planting in order to maximise benefits and complement the work of other agencies working in the area.</i> <i>Cllr Fieldhouse to consider potential river valley/clough sites as highlighted in the article.</i></p>

	<p>Shaw Park and Stainland Park were also considered as potential sites. A potential tree planting scheme in early 2020 was discussed. It was considered that if an appeal for sites was launched after Christmas then planting could be carried out in February and March with trees supplied by the Woodland Trust. It was resolved that involvement from the schools would be a key element. CMBC may be able to assist with any tools required for volunteers ie spades etc.</p> <p>Action: Cllr Fieldhouse to draft consultation leaflet. Cllr Mullany and TW to distribute.</p>
19.E7.7	<p>To identify costs and implications of engaging a Handy Person or Environmental Warden and discuss any alternative options.</p> <p>Cllr Fieldhouse reported that originally this post had been envisaged as a self employed arrangement but this had raised issues including public liability cover. Cllr Fieldhouse stated she now favoured direct employment by the Parish Council. A recent advert for a similar post (Environmental Warden) at Bingley Town Council was considered as a model, though the range of the duties would need to be reduced. It was noted that Hebden Royd Town Council also employ a handyperson who provides the Council with quotations for routine jobs.</p> <p>Proposed hours for the post were 5 per week paid at around £10 per hour. It was agreed the Parish Council should start small with the number of hours and would need to be flexible and guided by employee's preference in terms of working pattern. In addition to the salary, all the associated costs including potentially training, mileage, DBS check, insurance, equipment /storage of equipment needed to be identified.</p> <p>Action: TW to develop the proposal with input from LF on the costs.</p>
19.E7.8	<p>To discuss the Walk to School project</p> <p>A L-B reported that a response was awaited from Bowling Green School regarding their interest in this project. Holywell Green had not yet been formally contacted.</p> <p>Action: AL-B to contact both schools.</p>
19.E7.9	<p>To receive an update on the Car Share Scheme</p> <p>Cllr Doherty had promoted a link to Calderdale MBC web page with details of the West YorkshireLift Share scheme on the Parish Council's Facebook page.</p> <p>Cllr Foster reported that some cars on the school run are waiting over half an hour with engines running in order to secure a parking space. She asked if a "drive sharing" scheme could be investigated to enable more efficient parking around local schools.</p> <p>Cllr Fieldhouse proposed targeting major businesses in the parish or those which necessitated journeys through the parish, in order to establish corporate car sharing schemes. Cllr Mullany suggested that discussions with such businesses would be required to discuss this and other actions as part of a local climate change action plan. .</p>
19.E7.10	<p>To receive an update on the replacement of the knee rails at Stainland Memorial Park by CMBC</p> <p>Cllr Fieldhouse reported that repair of these rails was not on CMBC schedule and that the Parish Council were awaiting the go ahead to get on with arranging the work if they will contribute to costs.</p> <p>Action: Cllr Fieldhouse to get quotes from contractors.</p>
19.E7.11	<p>To hear feedback on initial investigations in to costs of possible projects</p> <p>Cllr Fieldhouse reported that she had received three quotes for refurbishment of railings at Stainland Road, Holywell Green. These were for £22,000, £8,000 and £2,500 (all for the same work).</p> <p>CMBC planned to clear the embankment behind the railings this winter. Cllr Fieldhouse had obtained a day rate quote of £450 for a tree surgeon/landscaper in case this didn't happen.</p> <p>Action: Cllr Fieldhouse to pursue a meeting with CMBC to discuss the project.</p>
19.E7.12	<p>To discuss siting Christmas trees and lights in the Parish and discuss arrangements for installing them</p> <p>Cllr Fieldhouse reported that a 15ft tall tree for The Square, Holywell Green would be arriving on Saturday 30th November. A tree was already up in Sowood. Permission to locate trees in half-barrel planters on the cobbled area near the Holywell Inn and at Jagger Green was still awaiting confirmation from CMBC</p> <p>It was resolved that Christmas lights were to be provided at St Helens, Station Road, Holywell Green and Bowling Green, Stainland (around tree trunks). Cllr Fieldhouse and Cllr Foster to carry out this task.</p>

	<i>Other potential sites for lights were small tree opposite St Andrew's Church in Stainland and also trees outside Stainland Mechanics on CMBC land.</i>
19.E7.13	<p>To discuss seeking planning permission for the removal of a conifer tree at the entrance of Stainland Memorial Park in preparation of a new planting scheme.</p> <p><i>Cllr Fieldhouse reported that as part of a proposal to re-landscape this area, removal of the existing conifer tree would require planning permission due to its location within the Conservation Area. Consultation would be required including with car park users and residents at nearby Laurel Terrace, Priors Terrace, Co-operative Terrace at least. Quotes had already been received for landscaping/tree stump removal.</i></p> <p>Action: <i>Cllr Fieldhouse to visit CMBC website to investigate planning application process.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Fieldhouse has been in discussion with CMBC regarding ownership of land in the Conservation Area on which 1885 have erected a sign. There seems to be some confusion regarding who owns the land and this may be due to errors in a change to digital mapping by CMBC.</i></p> <p>Action: <i>Cllr Fieldhouse will continue to make enquiries.</i></p>
19.E7.14	<p>To discuss the Parish Council seeking permission from CMBC to renovate the iron railings on Stainland Road opposite the Holywell Inn.</p> <p><i>This was covered under item 19.E7.11</i></p>
19.E7.15	<p>To receive an update on the Climate Change Action Plan</p> <p><i>Cllr Mullany provided an example of a recently published Climate Change Action Plan produced by Holme Valley Parish Council (October 2019) which may provide a model for development of a Stainland and District plan.</i></p>
19.E7.16	<p>To develop the discussion on how to mitigate engine emissions outside the schools</p> <p>It was resolved <i>that engagement activity with drivers at school drop off times should begin after Christmas in order promote an anti-idling message in relation to air quality/children's health and develop support for walking bus project to launch later in the year.</i></p>
19.E7.17	<p>To receive an update on the TPO project</p> <p><i>Cllr Mullany reported that he had prepared a survey sheet based on criteria for TPO designation. It was resolved that recording of trees potentially worthy of TPO should commence in the New Year on a ward by ward basis. TPO maps of the parish recently provided by CMBC would also be used.</i></p>
19.E7.18	<p>To discuss the provision of hanging baskets for the Parish</p> <p><i>Cllr Fieldhouse reported that this item had already been put on agenda for February next year with a view to preparing for a launch of the project in the Spring. There was no plan of where baskets would be going at this stage but it was felt that within the Conservation Area would be desirable.</i></p>
19.E7.19	<p>To discuss a photography competition within the Parish</p> <p><i>Councillor Holdsworth proposed this project with over 16 and under 16 age categories and £25 prize money in both.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Mullany stated that Ripponden Parish Council had recently done a similar competition and hoped to produce a calendar from best photographs. Cllr Fieldhouse stated that a competition had been run previously by the Community Association but this had not generated sufficient high quality photos to make a calendar viable.</i></p> <p><i>Further discussion was deferred to a future meeting to allow input from Cllr Holdsworth and other councillors</i></p>
19.E7.20	<p>To agree Agenda items for the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Proposal/costings for handyperson post</i> • <i>Planning permission for tree removal at Stainland Memorial Park</i> • <i>Climate Change Action Plan update</i>
19.E7.21	<p>To agree a date and time for the next meeting.</p> <p><i>Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 6.30pm</i></p>

Meeting closed at: 8.45pm