

CLAYTON-LE-WOODS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26TH JANUARY 2022
BY ZOOM

PRESENT: Councillor M Clifford (Chairman)
Councillor S Edwards-Williams
Councillor S Maddock
Councillor G Ormston

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs L Gallagher (Admin Assistant)
Mrs TD Morris (Clerk)

ACTION

22.01 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted for Cllrs D Clough and N Whitham.

22.02 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There was a declaration of Interest from Councillor Mark Clifford as Champion the Environment and Green Spaces for Chorley Council.

22.03 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13TH SEPTEMBER 2021

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes held on 13th September 2021 were approved as a correct record.

22.04 MATTERS ARISING

21.19 Review of 10 Year management Agreement with the Lancashire Wildlife Trust (LWLT)

It was reported that the LWLT had yet to formally come back with the management Agreement.

The Clerk would continue to chase up the progress of this and report back.

21.19 Key Performance Indicators (KPI)

The Key Performance Indicators had been agreed at FPC and had been sent on to the LWLT to add to the management Agreement.

21.28 Cunnery Meadow Tree Planting

The Clerk would liaise with the local tree contractor to have the new saplings planted as soon as was practicable.

22.05 BACK LANE WOODS MANAGEMENT UPDATE

1. Quotation for Planned Tree Work/Perimeter Tree Management

The Members were presented with the quotations for the ongoing tree work. It was noted that several contractors were approached however only one actually quoted for the work.

The quotation for the works was submitted via LWLT in the amount of £5475 +VAT

It was agreed that the work should go forward under the planned improvement works (CIL budget) that were scheduled for the woodland prior to the management phase of the project.

2. Safety Concerns County Close

Cllr Clifford raised a residents concern regarding the safety of the tree at the back of her property. After due discussion It was requested that the correspondence be signposted to the Clerk in the first instance.

MC

3. Overall Reporting Structure (Quarterly Reports)

After due discussion it was decided that ongoing monthly reports would be as standard until the Management Agreement was finalised.

Clerk

22.06 REVIEW OF CHRISTMAS TREE 2021 AND PROPOSALS FOR 2022

It was noted that the Christmas tree lights were spectacular this year with the addition of the floodlights. It was proposed that for 2022/23 provision that 8-10 lighting boards could be installed on the lamp posts around the Lidl roundabout. The initial funding and permissions would be handled by Chorley Council. The Parish Council would have to pay for the hiring of the boards.

Once the quotations were received from the relevant contractors it would be tabled at the FPC for consideration.

Clerk

The issue was raised about the Christmas tree installation and lighting being part of the Play and Leisure Committees remit as the planning and execution of the Christmas Light Switch On was disjointed this year.

After due discussion it was agreed to leave the arrangement as it was at the present time. This review could possibly be tabled at the Annual General Meeting in May 2022.

AGM

22.07 UPDATE ON SPID PROVISION

It had been arranged that Cllr Mark Clifford and the Clerk would visit one of the residents whose property was close to one of the proposed SPID sites. If the arish could come to an amicable arrangement then the next step on the process would be to gain final approval from Lancashire County Council.

It was noted that Cllr M Clifford still had the mobile SPID device and the ladders were with Cllr D Rogerson. It was requested that the Clerk retrieve all the ladders and charge up the mobile SPID once the new office was open.

Clerk

22.08 UPDATE ON DOGGY BAG PROVISION

It was noted that all 8 of the doggy bag dispensers were now installed. The take up had been good and the level of dog fouling had markedly decreased in some areas.

The Clerk requested that there be a count of how many doggy bags were left in stock so it could be monitored as no more that 150 bags would go in each dispenser per week. New information stickers were on order and would be distributed to the Members in due course.

MC/SM/
Clerk

22.09 UPDATE ON DEFIBRILLATOR/BLEED KIT INITIATIVE

1.Wigan Road

It was noted that the Co-Op was still in the process of being built and that the car dealership and/or the Indian Restaurant could be considered nearby.

2. Woodsman Pub

The project had been on hold whilst the Admin Assistant took up her role. The project would now be progressed with the Pub Landlord.

Admin

22.10 PARISH HANGING BASKET PROVISION 2022

1.Hanging Baskets

The Members agreed that the Plantscape hanging basket display was spectacular in 2021. However the Clerk advised the Members that for 2022 all local councils would have to adhere to a hanging basket requirements as drafted by Lancashire County Council Highways Department.

This would involve a stress test of each eligible lamp post (46) and a loaded weight limit of no more than 20kg per lamp post. The stress test is quoted as between £30-£50 per lamp post over 7 years old however the certification lasts for 6 years.

The Plantscape proposal for 2022 would be ineligible as their loaded weight is in excess of 20kg. There would probably be watering issues connected with a smaller water reservoir.

The Clerk indicated that the order is normally placed at the beginning of February so any alternative quotes would need to be reviewed as soon as was practicable.

After due discussion it was agreed to investigate the possibility of a half sized hanging basket which would comply with LCC Highways requirements and extend the hanging basket provision as planned for 2022.

It was agreed that if the figures were available prior to the next FPC meeting that the Environment Committee would meet to discuss the possible alternatives.

Clerk

2.Grass Cutting Contract 2022

It was noted that Envirocare had submitted their quotation for the next financial year. Cllr S Maddock stated that he may be able to gain a quote from another local firm for comparison. The Clerk would liaise with Cllr Maddock to obtain the alternative quote.

Clerk/SM

22.11 PROPOSAL FOR SKIP DAY INITIATIVES

It was reported that the Skip Day had been organised late in October and was deemed a great success with all three sites being filled by midday. All the Members, residents and the Clerk were thanked for volunteering to Marshall the 3 containers on a very wet Saturday morning.

It was proposed that another Skip Day could be arranged in the coming months as it had proved so popular with the residents. Cllr mark Clifford would liaise with Chorley Council and Quercia to look for the containers to be donated to the Parish.

MC

The locations would remain as the revised one for the October Skip day. The first location would be Mendip/Pendle Road (With Onwards Homes permission). The second location would be on the Manor Road primary School car park (With the Headteachers permission) and the third would be on the car park on Tunley Holme Clayton Brook with Chorley Councils' permission).

22.12 THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE TREE PLANTING

The Admin Assistant informed the meeting that she was liaising with Cllr Clifford and the tree contractor to plant the saplings that had been donated in Cunnery Meadow. There still was no confirmed site for the commemorative tree in Clayton Brook.

MC/AA

It was planned that there would be responsible tree planting in Back Lane woods once the woodland had settled down from the extensive renovation work.

22.13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be scheduled to review the hanging basket situation. If possible it would be no later than 15th February 2022 in the first instance.

Clerk