

CLAYTON-LE-WOODS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2018 AT 8.00PM
AT CHORLEY BUSINESS CENTRE, EUXTON

PRESENT: Councillor M Gallagher (Chair)
Councillor M Clifford
Councillor J Cronshaw
Councillor J Norris
Councillor G Ormston
Councillor D Rogerson

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor C Billouin
Councillor C Bromilow
Councillor G Charlesworth
Mrs G Egan (Project Officer)
Mrs TD Morris (Clerk)

ACTION

18.23 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There was a declaration of Interest from Councillor M Clifford as an associate of the Wildlife Trust and Councillor M Gallagher as an Officer of the Environment Agency.

18.24 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON 2ND OCTOBER 2018

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes held on 2nd October 2018 were approved as a correct record and were duly signed by the Chair.

18.25 MATTERS ARISING

Leonora Carrington Plaque

The Project Officer reported that she had gained prices for a blue plaque (£300.00) and an information board (£64.00) with around £300.00 for installation dependent on which option was used.

It was noted that the parish would still have to check about copyright. It was requested that the Project Officer and

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Councillor G Ormston liaise with each other and report back to the committee in due course.

Heritage Walk

It was proposed that at some stage there should be a heritage walk devised for the parish. It was agreed that this would be actioned in the near future.

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18.15 Silent Soldier/Tommies Installations

The Clerk stated that she had been in touch about the Silhouette near the Lidl development and Chorley had advised her that they would not be in favour of locating the silhouette on the Reservoir Memorial.

It was proposed that the Silhouette be rehomed in the flowerbed in Clayton Brook Road in the new year.

It was requested that the Project Officer approach Stringfellow to find out the costings and report back.

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18.15 Whittle Spinney Footpaths

It was reported that the footpaths had been completed and were greatly appreciated by the residents.

It was noted that the link paths were not in the best condition and it was proposed that the parish council approach the Woodland Trust to offer assistance through a grant to upgrade the paths. It was agreed to go ahead with the proposed course of action.

It was requested that the Project Officer approach the Woodland Trust to advise them of the offer and report back in due course

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18.26 REPORT ON BACK LANE WOODS

Primrose Planting

It was stated that the primroses that had been purchased needed to be brought on and planted in the Spring and that Manor Road Primary School had kindly taken on the project on behalf of the parish council.

Woodland Management Scheme Update

The Project Officer stated that she had approached several agencies and so far, only the Wildlife Trust and Conservation Contracts Northwest had shown an interest in the project.

Councillor G Ormston advised the members that she had been working on a Woodland Management Plan which would provide a framework for future development of the woodland.

It was agreed that Councillor G Ormston would provide a draft Woodland Management Plan (WMP) ready for the next meeting and that the Project Officer would continue to approach outside agencies that would be interested in drafting/implementing a WMP for the next few years.

Replacement Tree Planting Scheme

The Clerk advised the members that there needed to be a tree planting scheme as part of the planning permission. However as discussed it was decided to put this idea into abeyance until the infrastructure work had been completed. It was noted that the parish council had up to 3 years to comply with the planning clause.

18.27 PARISH GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT 2019/20

The members were informed that the grass cutting had been reviewed and overall it had been satisfactory given the challenging weather during the Summer months.

It was noted that there was difficulty gaining quotes for an annual grass cutting contract. The Clerk proposed that a 3 year contract could be offered which might attract more contractors.

It was agreed that the Project Officer contact the local contractors and Chorley Council to see whether they would wish to bid for a 3 year contract and to have cost for cut and collect and report back in due course.

Clayton in Bloom Financial Costs 2018

The members were provided with a costing of the Clayton in Bloom Scheme. It was noted that the overall budget of £4,000 was overspent for 2018/19.

There was an in depth discussion as to how to go forward with the Clayton in Bloom scheme during the Winter months and beyond. The Clerk advised that all the flowerbeds and flower tower would need to be tidied as a bare minimum requirement.

It was noted that the original FPC Resolution to enter the competition in 2019 and the budget allocation for 2019 was in abeyance at the present time until the committee had a clear view on how to proceed.

There were several suggestions:

- Enter as a Volunteering Group
- Enter in a Different Category such as Urban not Large Town
- Enter with Grow to Share Group on Clayton Brook/Village Hall

- Not enter the competition next year and concentrate on building community / volunteer base for Clayton in Bloom and the Back Lane Woods Programme
- Not enter the competition and pay for more Summer displays

It was requested that Councillor G Ormston convene a meeting of the Clayton in Bloom working group and report back on the proposed course of action which would then be considered by the committee.

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The meeting was suspended at 9.20pm and the items not discussed would be added as agenda items at the next meeting.

Clerk

18.28 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date for the next meeting is to be arranged for Tuesday 4th December 2018 following on from the Communications Committee meeting.