

A meeting of the Amenities & Services Committee was held via video conference on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs R Lobley (Chairman), M Powell, R Fletcher, N Hornsey and A Lowen

**Clerk:** Mrs J Murray

A public participation session took place prior to the official start of the meeting.

**21/01/13** Chairman's remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**21/01/14** Apologies

On a proposal from Cllr Lobley, seconded by Cllr Lowen it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote that apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Greenway, Mrs Watson and Mrs Grimble having considered their reasons for absence. Cllr Pikett was unable to join due to technical problems.

**21/01/15** Declarations of Interest

None

**21/01/16** Minutes

On a proposal from Cllr Lobley, seconded by Cllr Powell, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote that the notes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020 be approved and signed as the minutes.

**21/01/17** Clerk's Report

The Clerk had nothing to report on this occasion.

**21/01/18** Finance Matters

Members received a financial report to 31.12.20.

**21/01/19** Trees/Planting

**a)** Cllr Powell reported on the following tree work application:

142196 - Work to 2 Ash trees with TPOs at a property on Barnes Wallis Court, he had visited previously in 2018 and the trees are very close to the property and suffering from Ash dieback – the application is supported.

142259 - To fell and remove row of leylandii trees and 1 unknown variety of conifer, all on boundary at side of 31 Sudbeck Lane, with 33 Sudbeck Lane – no comments on this application.

An application has been made by the resident of 29 Ryland Road for an Ash tree with a TPO suffering from Ash dieback for the tree to be felled; an officer from ELDC had been to visit and commented that there was no reason to fell the tree, although a qualified tree surgeon has raised concerns regarding its safety and on a proposal from Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Lobley it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to raise concerns regarding this decision with WLDC.

**b) Community Orchard** – It was suggested that some fruit trees could be planted on the area of open space on Northfield Road, close to the junction with Eastfield Lane, concerns were raised regarding the number of trees to be planted, the problem of wasps in the autumn and that this is a residential area. Would it be better to wait until the area of land off Prebend Lane was transferred to the PC? Grant funding could be available to purchase trees. The Clerk will include the idea in the article for the Welton News. On a

proposal from Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Lobley it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to investigate further after any feedback from the WN article.

- c) **Summer Floral Displays** – three quotes have been received and on a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, following a unanimous vote it was **RESOLVED** to accept the quote from Scothern Nurseries and it was agreed that the colour scheme will be red, white and blue to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Duke of Edinburgh.

**21/01/20** Footpaths

- No report as Cllr Mrs Watson was unable to be present. It was reported that the footpath from Eagle Drive to Manor Park is a quagmire, despite the chipped bark that was put down to help the problem.
- **The Road to 2026** – nothing from the appeal in the Welton News.

**21/01/21** Lagoon Area

The work to clear the vegetation has been completed and the areas is now completely clear. Anglian Water has been out to inspect the hydro-brake and to date there has been no feedback. Ideas for natural planting will be considered and on a proposal from Cllr Lobley, seconded by Cllr Lowen, following a unanimous vote it was **RESOLVED** to apply for grants from the WLDC Green Spaces and LCC Community Wildlife funds. Cllr Lobley suggested that a small group of the committee should meet at the lagoon after the current lockdown period has ended to have a closer look at the area and put together a plan.

**21/01/22** Village Emergency Plan

Nothing from the article in the Welton News. Cllr Lobley suggested that he and the Clerk draft a template based on the samples completed by other villages, that had been circulated previously and all agreed.

**21/01/23** Highway Matters

- a) **Road Safety Audit (RSA) at the junction of Ryland Road and Eastfield Lane** –The Clerk had spoken to a traffic consultant who provided some statistics. The matter was discussed at length and on a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, following a vote it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to set a maximum budget of £1,000 for a Road Safety Audit to be carried out at this junction, in order for a full and thorough investigation and to provide LCC Highways with evidence to support taking action to improve the junction; quotes will be obtained.
- b) **Traffic Survey on Cliff Road** - the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership (LRSP) has carried out an Archer speed survey on Cliff Road; it was pointed out by members that the junction at the A15 is currently closed to vehicles turning right onto Heath Lane and therefore the number of vehicles may not be typical. The technical data recording equipment was located on Cliff Road near Roman Road and commenced on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 for a seven day period. A daily average of 2,835 vehicles travelled through the survey area with a fairly even flow in each direction. Analysis of the speed data showed that the average speed of vehicles was 28.3mph. The speed data showed some evidence that vehicles were exceeding the speed limit at a speed that would make the drivers liable to action/prosecution by the Police with 2.9% travelling at 10mph or more in excess of the 30mph limit. They also researched the collisions involving personal injury for the last 3 year period up to a data date of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and there has been one minor injury collision recorded. Highways engineers within the Road Safety Partnership have assessed the area and inform us that no engineering casualty reduction

measures were identified. The results of the survey together with an analysis of the collision data show that the criteria required for either fixed or mobile speed camera enforcement is not met. Although the use of camera enforcement in this area is not met, they advise that the Community Speed Watch Scheme could have a positive effect on driver behaviour on this stretch of the road – these results will be published in the WN. Other options available are the employment of a specialist company to erect ANPR/speed cameras which they would monitor and, of course, there will be a cost involved which the Clerk will investigate.

- c) **Community Speed Watch Scheme** – there are currently 8 resident and 2 councillor volunteers. A minimum of 12 volunteers is required to operate the scheme. A further request has been placed in the January and February issues of the WN – other options are being investigated.
- d) **Winter Gritting** - On a proposal from Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote to delegate powers to the Clerk for the purchase of salt/grit and gritting the village in the event of adverse weather conditions during the following months, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee and to a maximum budget of £300.00.

**21/01/24** Benches

It was agreed in principle that two benches are dedicated to Cllr Eddie Reall and Malcolm Parish, former Parish and District Councillor with a commemorative plaque, one being placed on Cliff Road opposite the latter’s cottage and the other on the lagoon area. The Clerk will obtain quotes.

**21/01/25** Litter & Dog Bins

On a proposal from Cllr Lobley, seconded by Cllr Powell, following a unanimous vote it was **RESOLVED** to submit 5 locations for new dog bins to WLDC to see if they meet their criteria for being provided and installed free of charge. Locations for new litter bins will be deferred to the next meeting.

**21/01/26** Councillors Reports

Cllr Hornsey reported that vehicles are yet again churning up the grass verges on Cliff Road.

**Chairman:** .....

**Date:** .....