

A meeting of the Amenities & Services Committee was held via video conference on 22nd March 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs R Lobley (Chairman), M Powell, Mrs S Watson, R Fletcher, N Hornsey, A Lowen, D Pikett and A Greenway

Also Present: 1 member of the public

Clerk: Mrs J Murray

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

21/03/26 Chairman's remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

21/03/27 Apologies

On a proposal from Cllr Lobley, seconded by Cllr Hornsey it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote that apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs Grimble having considered her reason for absence.

21/03/28 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Lobley declared a personal interest in agenda items 8 and 15 as a member of his family is an employee of a company associated with Glendale Countryside Ltd.

21/03/29 Minutes

On a proposal from Cllr Lobley, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote that the notes of the meeting held on 25th January 2021 be approved and signed as the minutes.

21/03/30 Clerk's Report

The Clerk had nothing to report on this occasion.

21/03/31 Finance Matters

Members received a financial report to 28.2.21.

21/03/32 Trees/Planting

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

142611 - Work to reduce the size of an Oak tree at a property on Church Lane, he had visited the property and the application is supported.

b) **Community Orchard** – No comments have currently been raised by members of the community from the article in the Welton News. It was agreed to defer the matter to the next meeting.

7.36pm Cllr Greenway joined the meeting.

21/03/33 Footpaths

a) Cllr Mrs Watson reported the following:

Footpath 169 (Sudbeck Lane to Ryland Road, crossing Beckhall to Dunholme) – It is in an acceptable condition and free of litter - nothing to report.

Footpath 173 (Lincoln Road to Church Lane through the Churchyard) – In places the paving slabs have lifted due to tree roots causing some to be uneven. Debris from trees is on the path. Free from litter and a well used path.

Footpath 175 (Church Lane to The Grove through Ryland Road playing field) – Free from litter. Tree roots are raised on the stony, compacted earth path and the path could do with a rake to tidy up loose debris. At the rear of the WS&SC a hedge is overhanging from a property narrowing the walkway – this will be reported to LCC.

Footpath 174 (Tinkermere Close – Ryland Road) - It is in an acceptable condition and free of litter - nothing to report.

Green Lane through Rednil Fields – Some litter including a bag of dog poo, which I cleared. There are a number of newly installed signs saying “Private Land” preventing access to walkers. Signage on the path near a derelict building is not very clear. Suggest that some canes or other means are used to delineate the footpath route. It is in an acceptable condition and is a well used path. Suggest a dog bin is installed on Green Lane.

Footpath 54 (Mill Lane to Eastfield Lane) - It is in an acceptable condition, but I have concerns regarding the hedge in the first field, rubbish is being left in a pile where in the past, I was reliably informed, a plastic tub had been there for rubbish to be left in, but this has now been removed. There are several unofficial paths from the houses joining this footpath which appear to be well used by dog walkers. In the second field there are white posts delineating the path which is very helpful. This is again a very well used path.

- b) A copy of an email sent by a resident to County Cllr Richard Davies regarding their concerns about the condition of the footways in the village was received. It was agreed for the Clerk to write to LCC again with the councils support for matter raised.
- c) **Cliff Road footway** - an e-mail has been received from a resident for a new footway to be laid on Cliff Road from the Saxon Springs development to HealthLinc House. The PC did raise this with the developers at the time that their planning application was made expressing concerns for the safety of residents, particularly children walking to school; they currently have to cross the very busy main road where the footway ends and re-cross again further down. On a proposal from Cllr Hornsey, seconded by Cllr Lobley, following a unanimous vote it was **RESOLVED** to write to LCC/LRSP requesting that the footway be continued for the length from the development to HealthLinc House.
- d) Three quotes for maintenance to the footpath from Eagle Drive to Manor Park have been received and on a proposal from Cllr Lobley, seconded by Cllr Lowen, following a unanimous vote it was **RESOLVED** to accept the quote from Continental Landscapes Ltd.

21/03/34 Cycle Path

The Council has received an appeal from a resident for support in his request to LCC for the A46 cycle path to be extended to William Farr School. The matter was discussed at length and members are fully supportive of the cycle path being extended into the village as it would be a benefit for residents of Welton and Dunholme, not just for cyclists, but for walkers and runners of which numbers have greatly increased during the last year due to the Covid 19 pandemic. On a proposal from Cllr Greenway, seconded by Cllr Powell, following a unanimous vote it was **RESOLVED** to write to LCC in support of the request.

21/03/35 Lagoon Area

Anglian Water has confirmed that the hydro-brake has been inspected and to date there has been no feedback despite the Clerk chasing them. A grant of £500.00 has been granted from the WLDC Green Spaces fund subject to meeting with Mark Schofield from The Wildlife Trust which has been arranged for the 8th April, Cllrs Lobley, Mrs Watson, Powell and the Clerk will attend. The result of the application to the LCC Community Wildlife fund is expected in April.

21/03/36 Village Emergency Plan

The Clerk is currently working on a draft. Defer to a future meeting.

21/03/37 Highway Matters

- a) **Road Safety Audit (RSA) at the junction of Ryland Road and Eastfield Lane** –The Clerk has sought quotes, but none have been received to date. The LRSP has responded saying that *“I've looked back at the collision statistics that we have there, to give us both an idea of what is happening and to see if there's any common factor that we may then be able to deal with. So, looking at the last 5 years, we have one injury collision that happened in September last year. This involved a driver pulling out of Eastfield Lane into the path of another vehicle travelling around the bend. Assuming that the Give Way signs and markings are in place and visible, it would appear that there wouldn't be anything else we could achieve there”*.

It was agreed to defer the matter until further quotes/comments have been received.

- b) **Community Speed Watch Scheme** – 2 more residents have volunteered and the LRSP has said that 10 volunteers (3 for each shift) are sufficient to operate the scheme. **The** cost of equipment is approximately £500.00. Training is offered by the LRSP FOC and on a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, following a unanimous vote it was **RESOLVED** to put the volunteers names forward for training to be undertaken as soon as it can be arranged. Locations suggested for action were Hackthorn Road, Ryland Road, Meadow Way and Cliff Road to name a few; it was suggested to ask the PCSO for input. The Clerk reported that the office laptop is no longer supported for Windows 7 and therefore the information from the portable speed sign cannot be downloaded; Cllr Lowen suggested using one of the new library laptops.

21/03/38 Benches

It has been agreed for two benches to be dedicated to Cllr Eddie Reall and Malcolm Parish with a commemorative plaque. Quotes have been sought and on a proposal from Cllr Greenway, seconded by Cllr Lobley, following a unanimous vote it was **RESOLVED** to purchase 2no wooden benches with brass plaques and new concrete plinths.

21/03/39 Litter

- a) Several locations for litter bins have been suggested and the Clerk will put these forward to WLDC for assessment and to see if they meet their criteria for being provided and installed free of charge.
- b) On a proposal from Cllr Mrs Watson, seconded by Cllr Greenway, following a unanimous vote it was **RESOLVED** to purchase 10no 'Baggo' hoops to hold refuse bags for the Welton Litter Pickers.

21/03/40 Grass Cutting

- a) Three quotes have been received and on a proposal from Cllr Mrs Watson, seconded by Cllr Powell, it was **RESOLVED** following a majority vote (7 for, 1 abstention) to accept the quote from Glendale Countryside Ltd.
- b) A request has been received from a resident on Sudbeck Lane for the grass at the front of their property not to be cut by the contractors, as they are prepared to cut it themselves. The Clerk advised that the PC arranges the cutting of grass verges in this area on behalf of LCC and therefore any request of this nature would be for them to consider. The resident has pointed out that the contractor's cutting blades may be set too low, and this is causing the damage; on a proposal from Cllr Lobley, seconded by Cllr Greenway, it was **RESOLVED** following a majority vote (7 for, 1 against) to write to the contractor asking them to adjust the height of the blades on their equipment and take more care when cutting the grass.

21/03/41 East Midlands in Bloom Competition

It is still not clear if the competition will take place this year and if it does, in what format it will be. The Clerk informed the meeting that Leticia is attending a seminar on Wednesday and more information will be available afterwards. On a proposal from Cllr Greenway, seconded by Cllr Lobley, it was **RESOLVED** following a unanimous vote to form a Working Group and Cllrs Lobley and Mrs Watson volunteered to work with Leticia on this project.

21/03/42 Councillors Reports

- Cllr Powell reported that vehicles of staff are yet again parking on Cliff Road outside HealthLinc House and only the other day 14 cars were counted. They cause a hazard to vehicles turning out of Prebend Lane and Norbeck Lane. The matter will again be reported.
- Cllr Lowen expressed his thanks at the reduction in the Parish Council portion of the Council Tax and to those who worked on the budget.

Chairman:

Date: