

A meeting of the Amenities & Services Committee was held via video conference on 26th April 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs R Lobley (Chairman), M Powell, R Fletcher, N Hornsey, A Greenway and Mrs C Grimble

Clerk: Mrs J Murray

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

21/04/13 Chairman's remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

21/04/14 Apologies

On a proposal from Cllr Lobley, seconded by Cllr Powell it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote that apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Lowen and Pikett having considered their reasons for absence. Cllr Mrs Watson was absent with no apologies given.

21/04/15 Declarations of Interest

None

21/04/16 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 22nd March 2021 be approved and signed as the minutes.

21/04/17 Clerk's Report

Maintenance to the footpath from Eagle Drive to MPK: the initial phase of the footpath cutting back works will begin week commencing 26th April, weather permitting, and the planing will be undertaken w/c 17th May, again weather permitting.

Memorial Benches: I have written to the families of Eddie Reall and Malcolm Parish informing them and that invitations to their unveiling will be sent in due course.

Welton Litter Pickers: they have thanked the PC for their new bag holder hoops.

Grants: awards of £500 each have been confirmed from the West Lindsey Green Spaces Fund and the LCC Community Wildlife Fund for work on the Lagoon Area.

7.35pm Cllr Greenway left the meeting due to technical problems and Cllr Mrs Grimble joined the meeting

21/04/18 Finance Matters

Members received a financial report to 31.3.21.

21/04/19 Trees/Planting

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

- 142682 - Work to reduce the size of Sycamore trees at a property on Ryland Road, he had visited the property and the application is supported.
- A resident on Ayam Close has concerns regarding a Pine tree on the Ryland Road playing field overhanging his property – quotes will be sought to cut a branch and carry out essential maintenance to the tree.
- Cllr Powell reported that he has looked at the trees on the Ryland Road playing field which should have had their crowns reduced by 4 metres and confirmed this has not been carried out. The Clerk has already been in touch with the contractor and is awaiting a response.
- An Ash tree at the end of Prebend Lane opposite the entrance to Stonecliff Park looks diseased and a large branch is overhanging the road. The Clerk will report this to LCC.

- b) **Community Orchard** – No comments have currently been raised by members of the community from the article in the Welton News. It will be included again in the next issue and the matter was deferred to the next meeting.
- c) A Rhododendron bush has been donated by a resident and on a proposal from Cllr Lobley, seconded by Cllr Mrs Grimble, following a unanimous vote it was **RESOLVED** to purchase a planter and locate it next to the new bench on the Lagoon Area.

7.44pm Cllr Greenway re-joined the meeting

21/04/20 Footpaths

- a) Cllr Mrs Watson was not present to give a report. The Clerk confirmed that the detailed report given at the last meeting has been sent to LCC.
- b) There is no update regarding the request sent to LCC for the extension of the footway on Cliff Road from the Saxon Springs development to HealthLinc House

21/04/21 Lagoon Area

The Hydro-Brake has been inspected by Anglian Water and any necessary maintenance will be carried out by them. Cllr Lobley and the Clerk had met with Mark Schofield from the Wildlife Trust who has sent a report with suggestions for landscaping and planting for the area. A 2/3 year programme will be developed using the £1,000 in grant funding.

21/04/22 Village Emergency Plan

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

21/04/23 Highway Matters

- a) **Road Safety Audit (RSA) at the junction of Ryland Road and Eastfield Lane** – No further quotes have been received and it was agreed to defer the matter until further quotes/comments have been received.
- b) **Community Speed Watch Scheme** – there are now sufficient volunteers to proceed with the scheme and training sessions will be arranged as soon as allowed under Government guidelines. Cllr Fletcher reported that traffic on Willow Way has reduced since the road to the A46 was re-opened.
- c) A request has been received from a resident for the PC to take some action regarding traffic management and enforcement within the village. Cllr Mrs Grimble had seen some 30mph signs at the entrance to another village, mounted on a yellow background with a red circle. The problem is not helped at school times by the lack of a patrol to assist children crossing the road. Dunholme has recently had some double yellow lines painted on two problem areas which have been patrolled by LCC parking enforcement operatives, who are able to issue Penalty Charge Notices. This problem has been looked at many times by the PC and on a proposal from Cllr Lobley, seconded by Cllr Fletcher, following a unanimous vote it was **RESOLVED** for a survey to be commissioned to look at parking in the village. The LRSP will be approached to see if they can assist with this and information will be included in the next issue of the WN to inform residents of the action the PC is taking.

21/04/24 Litter & Dog Bins

WLDC will not provide the number of bins the PC is requesting FOC, however they will install them FOC; they have provided competitive quotes for both types of bin. Locations have already been agreed and these will be assessed by WLDC for their suitability and on a proposal from Cllr Lobley, seconded by Cllr Mrs Grimble, following a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED to purchase 5 no large Free-standing litter bins (112 litre) @ £250.00 each and on a proposal from Cllr Greenway, seconded by Cllr Lobley, following a unanimous vote it was **RESOLVED** to 5no metal dog bins + post (type 2) @ £150.00 each – a total cost of £2,000 to be taken from the Village Improvement Ear Marked Reserve.

21/04/25 East Midlands in Bloom Competition

The In Bloom competition will run this year despite the ongoing difficulties caused by the pandemic. What form the judging will take is yet to be arranged. It seems likely that there will be fewer judges visiting villages/towns and there may be more emphasis on photographs or short videos to complement entries. It may not be possible to make a presentation to the judging panel. Only one Judge will visit and meet with one representative. Judging will take place between the 5th and 16th July. It was intended to form a Community Group, but it makes more sense to do this later in the year focusing on next year’s competition. The Parish Council will be carrying out work on the Lagoon Area to make it wildlife friendly, providing a Heritage Trail around the village and installing benches, litter and dog bins in the coming months and these projects will have progressed by next year. Awards can still be presented for the Best Front Garden, Best Hanging Baskets and/or Window Boxes and Best Hanging Baskets and/or Window Boxes - Business Premises for this year. On a proposal from Cllr Greenway, seconded by Cllr Lobley, it was **RESOLVED** following a unanimous vote not to enter the competition this year.

8.13pm Cllr Mrs Grimble left the meeting due to technical problems

21/04/26 Freedom of Information Request

A request has been received from a resident concerning the Tree Safety Survey that was carried out in March 2020. I have responded confirming information will be sent within the required timescale. Unfortunately, the contractor that carried out the original survey is now unavailable to re-assess the work that has been done on the trees. The Tree Warden, Cllr Powell has been to have a look and has reported that in his view the crowning of the trees has not taken place. The Clerk has contacted the contractor and is awaiting a response. On a proposal from Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was **RESOLVED** following a unanimous vote that the Clerk responds providing the information requested.

21/04/27 Councillors Reports

None

Chairman:

Date: