

A meeting of the Amenities & Services Committee was held in the Pavilion, Manor Park Sports Club, Hackthorn Road, Welton on Monday 29th January 2024 at 7.30pm

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

Clerk: Mrs J Murray

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

24/01/34 Chairman's remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

24/01/35 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 Cllr Greenway having considered his reason for absence.

24/01/36 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Fletcher declared an interest in agenda item 11f.

24/01/37 Minutes

On a proposal from Cllr Mrs Watson, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote that the notes of the meeting held on 30th October 2023 be approved and signed as the minutes.

24/01/38 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported: -

- A resident has rung the office with an update about the speedbumps he is trying to get for the village. He contacted the County Council who said it is up to the Parish Council so he then contacted County Cllr Sue Rawlins who has contacted Highways and is awaiting a response.
- As you are aware LCC highways have been completing various footway reconstruction works in the village. These works have now been completed, however, unfortunately due to the wet weather the verges as part of the construction activity look aesthetically displeasing. LCC has asked the contractor to tidy the areas in question, however for a more effective repair they are proposing to regrade and seed in the spring where this will be more effective in ambient growing conditions. Unfortunately, residents' vehicles parking on the verges has also caused some damage in the area.

LCC has further works in the next financial year in the village which will include footway reconstruction works along the northern path on Ryland Road from the Co-op to Hackthorn Road mini roundabout. LCC will inform the parish/residents once they are able to confirm a programme date. **LCC Footways & Surface Treatments Programme Leader**

24/01/39 Finance Matters

- a. Members received a financial report to 31.12.2023.
- b. On a proposal from Cllr Lobley, seconded by Cllr Mrs Grimble it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote to meet the shortfall of £528.29 for the purchase of items that were not covered by the Large Village Retail Area Fund due to delivery charges not included in the grant application.

24/01/40 Trees/Planting/Grass cutting

- a. Cllr Powell reported the following:
- 147494 – Rednil Lodge, Green Lane** – reported at Full Council meeting
 - 147532 – Flat 1 – Park House** – not much work appears to have been conducted yet
 - 147662 – Wella House, 17 Lincoln Road** – fell one Apple tree – permission granted
- b. **Tree Safety Survey** – last was done in June 2022. On a proposal from Cllr Lobley, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote for the Clerk to obtain quotes.
- c. **Grass cutting 2024 – 2027** (3 year contract). On a proposal from Cllr Fletcher, seconded by Cllr Mrs Grimble, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to accept the quote from Glendale Countryside Ltd and agree to sign the Parish Agreement for 2024.
- d. **Summer floral displays** – On a proposal from Cllr Mrs Grimble, seconded by Cllr Powell, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote for a red, white and blue scheme to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day on the 6th June.
- e. **Herb garden** to be created on the Community Orchard site with raised beds – gardening is an activity that can help with mental health, but it was felt that it needed a volunteer group to maintain the area and on a proposal from Cllr Pikett, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was **RESOLVED** by a majority vote (7 for, 1 against) to take no further action at the current time.
- f. **Pinfold** – re-seeding with a specialist grass seed has been tried, but this was unsuccessful – other ideas put forward were bark, shingle, stones and shade tolerant shrubs; on a proposal from Cllr Mrs Watson, seconded by Cllr Fletcher, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote to seek expert advice from a local nursery and landscape gardeners.

24/01/41 Footpaths

Cllr Mrs Watson reported:

Footpath 169 (Sudbeck Lane to Ryland Road, crossing Beckhall to Honeyholes Lane, Dunholme) – It is in an acceptable and litter free condition.

Footpath 173 (Lincoln Road to Church Lane through the Churchyard) – It is in an acceptable and litter free condition.

Footpath 174 (Tinkermere Close – Ryland Road) – There is protruding ivy from the hedge of a property on Ryland Road which makes this very narrow in one section, touching walkers as it is passed. Ask the householder to trim the hedge and check it regularly to keep it within their boundary. Otherwise it is in an acceptable and litter free condition.

Footpath 175 (Church Lane to The Grove through Ryland Road playing field) – In the first section between the houses on Church Lane there is a low dangling bramble overhead which could cause an injury. This needs immediate attention. Otherwise it is in an acceptable and litter free condition.

Footpath 54 (Mill Lane to Eastfield Lane) – Where the new housing development is the footpath is very narrow; the builders have erected a metal fence on their side. If two dog walkers meet and dogs not on leads, it could be awkward depending on the nature of the dogs. Consequently, walkers have been walking on the other side of the hedge on a field which is not a designated footpath.

General Remarks: The footpaths were mainly litter and dog mess free, although there was evidence of both in places. Litter I collected on my walk on the 27th January included balloons, plastic bottles, crisp packets and vape paraphernalia. In the course of my walks, I noted that Cllr Reall's bench at the lagoon area is in need of some TLC and the green grit bin at Ryland corner is not covered by its lid, hence the grit has a layer of water and debris on it.

24/01/42 Lagoon Area

The Clerk reported that she has chased Bishop Burton College for an update asking if they are still interested in carrying out the work; a response has not been received to date. The Clerk to chase again.

24/01/43 In Bloom Competition

Comments made by the judges in previous years have noted that this competition should be community led by a volunteer group and although in 2022 a few volunteers did come forward, only a few remained to the end thus making more work for the office. It is felt that unless such a group can be formed that no progression over the Silver Award attained that year. There is a Well Being Group that meets on a Tuesday in the Village Hall who will be approached to see if they are interested in volunteering and the Clerk will write a piece for the Welton News. On a proposal from Cllr Fletcher, seconded by Cllr Powell, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to take this course of action and if no response was received before the entry deadline, Cllr Lobley and the Clerk will make a decision on how to proceed.

24/01/44 Highway Matters

- a. **Community Speed Watch** – the group had a break in December & January and will be resuming sessions in February.
- b. Emails from residents on Eastfield Lane regarding foul water drainage issues had been received and noted – no action will be taken as the responsible authorities have been contacted.
- c. Flooding on Sudbeck Lane – this area often floods, sometimes trapping the residents in their homes, it is thought the blockage is caused by leaves falling and gathering in the gullies which are only cleaned out annually and tree roots could be blocking the pipe. The responsible authority will be either Anglian Water or LCC Highways, both of which will be written to.
- d. A FOI request regarding speed cameras and the Community Speed Watch Scheme has been received and on a proposal from Cllr Lobley, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote the Clerk will respond accordingly.
- e. A resident has requested that a Traffic Regulation Order for parking restrictions be imposed on Manor Lane and on a proposal from Cllr Lobley, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote that the council is supportive of this initiative.
- f. A request and information have been received from a resident for a **20mph speed limit** to be imposed in the village. Speeding in the village is of a major concern to a number of residents in the village. It was pointed out that the 30mph speed limit is a maximum and members endorsed the reduced limit of 20mph around the schools but were not convinced that a blanket limit throughout the village would work as it could not be policed. The Parish Council runs a Community Speed Watch Scheme with a volunteer group already. On a proposal from Cllr Fletcher, seconded by Cllr Lobley, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to write to our County Cllr asking for their support prior to a village poll being taken and to contact Dunholme Parish Council to follow suit if they so wish. The Clerk will investigate the process and costs for a poll.

24/01/45 Emergency Plan

- a. A copy of the first draft has been circulated to members – a Community Emergency Kit has been delivered to the office containing, walkie-talkies, torches, foil blankets, PPE gloves & masks, Hi vis jackets, corded telephone etc. It was agreed to defer the matter

for a future meeting Hazel (Admin Asst) will be attending aa training session at the Fire & Rescue HQ in April after Hazel (Admin Asst) has attended the training session at the Fire & Rescue HQ in April.

- b. A list of volunteers willing to clear snow from the centre of the village has been compiled and the PC will require the appropriate equipment for them to do this. On a proposal from Cllr Lobley, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to purchase snow shovels, grit and Hi-Vis vests within a budget of £500.00.

24/01/46 Councillors Reports
None

Chairman: **Date:**