



**Minutes of the Amenities and Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 16 November 2020 via Zoom Video Conference**

Present: Ian Mitchell, Geoff Woof, Emma Richardson, Gary Seekins

*To be presented at the Amenities and Environment Committee meeting on Monday 22 February 2021*

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| AE42 | /20 | <p><b>Election of Chair:</b><br/>Cllr Richardson was nominated and seconded, and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to elect as Chair.</p>  |  |
| AE43 | /20 | <p><b>Apologies for absence:</b><br/>There were no apologies as everyone was present.</p>   |  |
| AE44 | /20 | <p><b>Declarations of interest:</b><br/><b>RESOLVED</b> that there were no interests to declare.</p>  |  |
| AE45 | /20 | <p><b>Minutes of the meeting on Monday 20 July 2020:</b><br/><b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting on Monday 20 July 2020 were a correct record and a copy will be signed by the Chair when safe to do so.<br/>It was noted that the work required on the bench near the gym had now been completed.</p>  |  |
| AE46 | /20 | <p><b>Current Outstanding Issues:</b><br/><u>Footway Light at Sepia Barn</u> – Two quotes for the relocation of the light were presented, one at the memorial Hall and one for a new pole with light attached next to Sepia Barn. It was noted that Listed Building Consent would be required to attach a light to the Memorial Hall and that this was unlikely to be granted. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to recommend that a new pole with light attached be placed next to Sepia Barn close to the original location of the light.<br/><u>Stonehouse Bridge Signs</u> – New proofs were presented to the meeting. Whilst these are not exactly what was wanted it was suggested that we should get these signs up as soon as possible and monitor what happens. <b>RESOLVED</b> to agree to the new proofs but to change the wording to “Long <b>OR</b> Wide” and to notify Highways that we will monitor the situation with a view to adding more signs if necessary.<br/><u>Memorial Bench Request</u> – A request for a memorial bench on the car park had been received. It was noted that the council now preferred the use of recycled plastic benches as they were more weather resistant and that if the request were granted it would be on the condition that the family met the full costs of the bench, plinth (if required) and installation. It was questioned whether the council’s insurers required the bench to be fixed to the ground and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to defer this item to the next meeting whilst this information was verified.<br/><u>Leaf Clearing around the green</u> – It was noted that the Clerk had been in touch with SLDC and that this item had been resolved before the meeting.<br/><u>Footpath at Millwood</u> – It was noted that the Environment Agency and YDNPA had been notified of the issue and were looking into it.<br/>Cllr. Mitchell will send contact details for the new ranger to the Clerk.</p> |  |

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|                    |                   | <p><u>Christmas Lights</u> – A request had been received for better Christmas lighting around the dale similar to the trees that had been provided some years ago. It was noted that the area is currently on the boundary of a Dark Skies area and that more lights might not be the best thing. It was suggested that this should perhaps be contained to the villages. It was suggested that perhaps the holiday cottage owners could be contacted to put Christmas displays in their windows as the village was currently quite dark.</p> <p>It was noted that the recent advent windows scheme had stopped, and it was suggested that Cllr Richardson contact Lindsay Cragg to see if this can be resurrected.</p>  |  |
| <p><b>AE47</b></p> | <p><b>/20</b></p> | <p><b>New Issues:</b></p> <p><u>Highways and Bridges</u> – It was noted that we have a good relationship with Karl Melville, Senior Manager, Highways and that this was producing results. The notes from the recent meeting with Karl were read out and this included the news that Ewegales Bridge was potentially going to be closed until Summer 2021. It had been suggested to Karl that a temporary repair would be preferable so that the bridge can reopen sooner, and Karl was looking into this as well as sending the report of what is actually wrong with the bridge to us. It was noted that the bridge at Lea Yeat was badly damaged and any further damage may result in its closure. This will be added to the list of items to discuss with Karl.</p> <p>Barth Bridge will now require further planning permission to amend the size of the smoot holes, however, it was suggested that this might not be the solution and that alternatives should be considered. It was noted that the damage to Barth Bridge was a culmination of a number of factors such as blocked culverts, blocked flood relief arches and a build-up of stone in the river and that remedying these issues would help.</p> <p>Stone Rigg Outrake was also discussed and it was noted that the land adjacent to the road is definitely Middletons. Cllr Richardson will join the next meeting with Karl to discuss this.</p> <p><u>Post-box at Deepdale</u> – The Clerk has written to Royal Mail but has not yet received a response.</p> <p><u>Phone boxes</u> – The meeting saw pictures of the work done so far on the phone box at Deepdale and agreed that the work was of a high standard. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that Andy Horrocks should be asked to refurbish the box near the Reading Room.</p> <p>It was noted that a use for the phone boxes had still not been agreed and it was suggested that the Clerk find out if grants were available for the installation of Defibrillators.</p> <p><u>Verge Maintenance</u> – It was noted that the work done by Hothersall’s was of a good standard. The Clerk is looking into the costs of providing training to the standard required by Highways.</p> |  |

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|             |            | <u>Noticeboard at Gawthrop</u> – It was noted that the noticeboard at Gawthrop had not been replaced as requested. It was suggested that there had never been an actual noticeboard and that notices had simply been pinned to the door. The Clerk will speak to the owner of the barn again. |  |
| <b>AE48</b> | <b>/20</b> | <b>Date of next meeting:</b><br><b>RESOLVED</b> that the next meeting will be on Monday 22 February 2021, venue to be confirmed.<br><br>Meeting closed at 20.36   |  |

**List of Actions**

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| Contact Highways to progress installation of new signs at Stonehouse Bridge | ST |
| Contact insurers to find out if benches need to be fixed to be covered      | ST |
| Contact Lindsay Cragg about the Advent Windows                              | ER |
| Send meeting invite to IM and ER  | ST |
| Chase Royal Mail re post box at Deepdale                                    | ST |
| Contact Andy Horrocks to advise he can start work on phone box in village   | ST |
| Look for grants for installation of defibrillator in phonebox at Greenwell  | ST |
| Find out costs of training for Robert Hodgson                               | ST |
| Speak to Jason Charnley regarding the noticeboard at Gawthrop               | ST |

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