



**Minutes of the Amenities and Environment Committee meeting held on
Monday 08 February 2021 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 19 April 2021

AE49	/21	Apologies for absence: There were no apologies as everyone was present.	
AE50	/21	Declarations of interest: RESOLVED that there were no interests to declare.	
AE51	/21	Minutes of the meeting on Monday 16 November 2020: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on Monday 16 November 2020 were a correct record and a copy will be signed by the Chair when safe to do so.	
AE52	/21	Public Forum: No members of the public were in attendance.	
AE53	/21	Current Outstanding Issues: <u>Coal Road Signage</u> – Noted that Tony Playfoot had agreed to open the sign at the bottom of the road when weather was bad. New signage has been requested and the Clerk will chase for an update on this. It was suggested that we should ask the gritter if he would be prepared to grit up to the station and also up to Barbondale and how much this would cost. It was also noted that the early trains had now been removed from the service, presumably due to low passenger numbers. <u>Deeside House</u> – Noted that the culvert did not seem to be working properly and that water was flowing over the road. The Clerk will bring this to the attention of Highways in his next meeting. <u>Kingsdale</u> – The committee were made aware of two incidents involving a van getting stuck and a car coming off the road by a resident. These were noted and the Clerk advised that he had been in touch with Cumbria County Council and North Yorks County Council regarding signage warning of the dangers in bad weather. These discussions are ongoing. <u>Pointing of flags on The Straits</u> – The Clerk presented photos of the current state of the flags and it was RESOLVED to proceed with levelling and pointing to remove any hazards.	
AE54	/21	New Issues: <u>Footway Light at Sepia Barn</u> – Noted that there has been a delay caused by a supplier issue. Clerk will chase this up again. It was noted that the repair bill for Footway Lights had been quite high this year, mainly due to the age of the lights. It was proposed that a price is obtained for the replacement of the lights with a view to replacing one or two per year. The Clerk will get a price. Noted that the light on Flintergill was still flickering. <u>Footpath at Millwood</u> – Noted that this was proving quite difficult. Cllr Mitchell has been in touch with the local YDNPA Ranger but there is	

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		<p>not enough money in the Ranger Budget for this work. It had now been passed to the Chair of YDNPA. There has been a lot of damage in the National Park caused by flooding and the Chair is trying to re-open the Farming Recovery Fund. Cllr Mitchell will also involve local MP to push this along.</p> <p><u>Request for Memorial Bench</u> – Noted that the Clerk had sent 3 emails to the person requesting this bench but had no reply. The Clerk has no other contact details and so there is no more that can be done until we hear from the requester again.</p> <p><u>Highways and Bridges</u> – There are currently lots of issues on the highways and a meeting is scheduled for Friday 12th with Karl Melville. It was noted that the drain at Millwood is not working and needs investigating. The Clerk will provide updates on all issues once he has met with Karl Melville.</p> <p><u>Postbox at Deepdale</u> – Reply received from Royal Mail advising that the box was decommissioned in line with Royal Mail policy but because the door had been changed it had to be smashed off. Royal Mail will not do anything further with this box. It was RESOLVED to write again to Royal Mail to ask if the council were able to remove the box and re-stone the wall.</p> <p><u>Phone Boxes</u> – Work on the phone box at Greenwell had stopped for the winter but Andy Horrocks has been instructed to refurbish the box outside the reading room too.</p> <p><u>Noticeboard at Gawthrop</u> – Noted that the owner of the barn intended to erect a noticeboard but had been off work after having an operation. This will be completed as soon as possible.</p> <p>It was noted that Whernside Manor had recently been mentioned in a programme regarding Slavery.</p>	
AE55	/21	<p>Date of next meeting: RESOLVED that the next meeting will be on Monday 19 April 2021, venue to be confirmed.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 20.21</p>	

List of Actions

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

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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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