



**Minutes of the Amenities and Environment Committee meeting held on
Monday 19 April 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 21 June 2021

AE56	/21	Apologies for absence: There were no apologies as everyone was present.	
AE57	/21	Declarations of interest: RESOLVED that there were no interests to declare.	
AE58	/21	Minutes of the meeting on Monday 08 February 2021: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on Monday 08 February 2021 were a correct record and a copy will be signed by the Chair when safe to do so.	
AE59	/21	Public Forum: No members of the public were present.	
AE60	/21	<p>New Issues:</p> <p><u>Pop-up Campsites</u> – An email had been received from a resident regarding the issue of wild camping and the rubbish that was being left behind. It was noted that this issue was not unique to us and was happening all over the national parks. The email suggested using large boulders to block parking at Dent Head Viaduct, however, this was not possible as this area was the last opportunity for large vehicles to turn before Stonehouse Bridge and could cause more disruption. It was proposed that a temporary notice be erected at Dent Head Viaduct to advise that camping was prohibited and directing campers to use the facilities at Ewegales Campsite. Additionally, the council will monitor the situation and ask the resident who had emailed to advise if further campers are witnessed.</p> <p><u>Defibrillator at Deepdale</u> – Quotes had been received for the installation of a defibrillator at the phone box near Greenwell. The first quote was from the same supplier as had been used for the previous defibrillators and was for £1285 for the defibrillator and cabinet. This did not include installation. The second quote, from Community Heartbeat Trust was for £1999 including installation and it was noted that a £250 grant was available towards this. Cllr Mitchell offered to donate £500 from his locality budget towards this project. It was RESOLVED to recommend to council that the costs of this be included in the budget for 2022-2023 and that if further grants could be found in the meantime the project would go ahead sooner.</p> <p><u>Footway Lights</u> – The meeting was presented with pictures and costs for upgraded footway lights with a view to upgrading all of the current lights over the next few years. The lights recommended were similar to the ones installed by Charge My Street in the car park and to the one about to be installed next to Sepia Barn. They are designed to light downwards with little light</p>	

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		<p>spillage outwards or upwards. The maximum cost for the lights is £180.31 plus VAT. There would be labour costs to add to this also. It was RESOLVED to recommend to council that two lights be replaced this year, with a further four lights being replaced each subsequent year until all had been upgraded.</p>	
AE61	/21	<p>Current Outstanding Issues: <u>Highways and Bridges</u> – It was noted that communications with Karl Melville had broken down, with no meeting having been scheduled in April. The Clerk will attempt to re-establish meetings as soon as possible. It was noted that work continued at Broadfield under traffic lights and that it was hoped this would be completed soon. A planning application had been submitted with regard to Lea Yeat bridge and it was thought that this work would need to be completed as soon as possible. It was noted that at the last meeting with Karl Melville, mention had been made of the Jet Patching machine visiting the dale to fill potholes and this should be chased up. <u>Postbox at Deepdale</u> – It was noted that this committee had resolved to have this box removed. Since then, a request had come in from a resident to have the box reinstated and so work to remove had been put on hold. The Clerk had written to Royal Mail requesting reinstatement but had been told that if Royal Mail agreed to this, it would be in the form of a new box on public land next to the phone box at Greenwell. The committee RESOLVED to continue with the removal of the old box and await the outcome of the request to Royal Mail. <u>Footpaths</u> – It was noted that the footpath at Millwood which had been washed out in November 2020 had been accepted as a footpath by YDNPA and Cllr. Mitchell was now pushing to have this repaired as soon as possible. Additionally, Cllr. Mitchell had asked YDNPA if more work was to be done on the “Occy Road”. Work on this path had stopped around five years ago and the stretch from Whernside end to Nun House turns very boggy about a mile in. The rangers at YDNPA had noted this and hoped that it could be in the budget for 2022-2023. Finally, the path between Church Bridge and Hippins was also in poor condition. YDNPA have accepted that work is required and Cllr. Mitchell will keep the committee updated on progress.</p>	
AE62	/21	<p>Date of next meeting: RESOLVED that the next meeting will be on Monday 21 June 2021, venue to be confirmed.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 20.16</p>	

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List of Actions

Arrange temporary sign at Dent Head Viaduct	ST
Include Defibrillator in 2022-2023 budget	ST
Arrange meeting with Karl Melville	ST
Advise Royal Mail to remove the old post box at Deepdale	ST
Chase up footpath repairs	IM

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