



**Minutes of the Amenities and Environment Committee meeting held on
Monday 08 November 2021 in the Sedgwick Room, Dent**

Present: Emma Richardson (Chair), Laura Thornley, Gary Seekins, Geoff Woof

To be presented at the Amenities and Environment Committee meeting on Monday 24 January 2022

AE77	/21	Apologies for absence: RESOLVED to accept the apologies from Ian Mitchell.	
AE78	/21	Declarations of Interest: Cllr Richardson declared an interest in item 6d in relation to Dodderham Moss as a family member is one of the landowners with rights. No other interests were declared.	
AE79	/21	Minutes of the last meeting: RESOLVED to agree the minutes of the meeting on Monday 16 August 2021 as a correct record and a copy was signed by the Chair.	
AE80	/21	Public Forum: No members of the public were present and no questions had been received prior to the meeting.	
AE81	/21	Bench at Helmside Straight: Noted that this bench was in a bad state of repair and that new timbers would possibly be required. RESOLVED to find out if Jeff Clegg would be interested in repairing this bench as he had with the one at Hippins.	
AE82	/21	Memorial Plaque: The Clerk presented a request for a memorial plaque on the bench at Gawthrop in memory of Frank Pearson. Noted that a precedent had been set with the bench near Peggleswright (£150 donation and cost of plaque). RESOLVED to allow this plaque if donation made and to clarify the policy with regard to these requests.	
AE83	/21	Ash Dieback: It was noted that a number of trees in the dale, particularly on the Dent – Sedbergh road were suffering with Ash Dieback making them dangerous during high winds. It was suggested that the Clerk should contact Cumbria County Council Highways department to find out if they had any responsibility in this area.	
AE84	/21	Highways and Bridges: Noted that a meeting with Karl Melville had taken place on Thursday 21 October to progress items outstanding. Noted that the following items were currently an issue and were not on the list: Helmside Straight – BT Duct collapsed Pothole below Peggleswright Pothole near Nelly Bridge Subsidence near Huds House/Dee House Culverts at Lamb Paddock and Deeside House It was noted that the winter maintenance contract was rumoured to have been given to someone else. IM to find out.	
AE85	/21	Dog Exercising Area:	

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		<p>A response had been received from the Playing Field Committee advising that they did not consider the Playing Field an appropriate place for this as the field had been purchased with money raised by sports enthusiasts for the purposes of sport and because children use the field.</p> <p>It was noted that the committee had seen no overwhelming need for this facility from dog owners and that if it was required then the dog owners should drive the process to make it happen.</p>	
AE86	/21	<p>Footway Lighting: The Clerk presented a new lighting option which complied with the Dark Skies Regulation (Hilclare Sancha). It was RESOLVED to recommend to council that if the cost of the lights was to be under £250 per light then this project should proceed with these lights along with the Bronte style lights at the church and the pole on Dragon Croft.</p>	
AE87	/21	<p>Dodderham Moss: The Clerk advised that one of the landowners with rights was a solicitor who had taken on the task of writing to the tenant to obtain the back rent. It was unclear whether he would continue to invoice the tenant etc. going forward. RESOLVED that the Clerk should try to get an update from this landowner.</p>	
AE88	/21	<p>Date of next meeting: RESOLVED that the next meeting will be on Monday 24 January 2022 at The Sedgwick Room, Dent.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 20.30.</p>	

Action List

Ask Jeff Clegg if he will repair bench at Helmside	ST
Write to person requesting Memorial Plaque	ST
Speak to CCC re Ash Dieback	ST
Find out costs of Sancha lighting	ST
Chase up Karl Wilson re Dodderham Moss	ST

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