

Halberton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee of Halberton Parish Council held on Tuesday 25 September 2018 at Halberton Village Hall

Meeting started 8.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors Davis (Chair), Graham, Batchelor, Browse, Birch and Lawrence, K Ward (Clerk).

1 Apologies: Cllrs Carew and Hugill

2 Declarations of Interest: None

3 Public Forum: None

4 Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May 2018: The minutes were approved and signed.

5 Amenity Area / Car Park:

The Clerk reported that the payment for purchase of the land has been sent to the solicitors and we are waiting for a response. Cllr Browse suggested the working group meet on site on Mon 8th October to go over the planning approval and start on the works specification. It was noted works to the hedges needs to be completed by end of February.

6 Emergency Plan: Nothing further to update.

7 Speed monitoring: Nothing further to report. Cllr Graham said she was aware there may be residents speed monitoring at the far end of the high street. Cllr Davis suggested they contact him so monitoring can be co-ordinated. Cllr Batchelor to contact police to raise ongoing speed and traffic problems.

8 Recreation Ground

Cllr Davis has inspected the low overhanging branch from the school and reported will need to be removed along with invasive ivy. A working party visit to be arranged at the next Council meeting.

9 Cemetery: Nothing to report

10 The Mead: Nothing to report.

11 Proposed Devon Air Landing site at The Mead

No further correspondence from DAAT. Clerk to contact them again.

12 Footpaths/Footways:

Cllr Browse to contact DCC regarding the overgrown paths from the church to the canal. Cllr Batchelor queried spaying of weeds on the path to Waterloo Cross and it was agreed this should be added to the grass cutting specification for 2019. It was noted that DCC are currently carrying out repairs to leaks on the canal near the High Street.

13 New bus shelter, High Street

The Clerk has contacted MDDC and it was suggested a site visit with the Conservation Officer. Cllrs Graham and Davis to attend.

14 Miscellaneous Matters (not for decision)

Cllr Batchelor asked for an update on consideration of obtaining a defibrillator for the village. There was general support for obtaining one, subject to finding a suitable location, and it was agreed to refer the matter to Council.

The Clerk reported back on a meeting with MDDC's S106 Officer. The Council has been requested to identify a target figure for the "teen services" project heading as there could be another 2 development applications that could be allocated to this project. No funding is yet available to be drawn down though and it was clarified that the "teen heading" services cannot be retrospectively changed. Cllr Davis to investigate costs of equipment and report back so a target figure can be agreed. The Committee discussed the other future project options put forward and considered that a new general project of "leisure facilities" may be a more appropriate heading as the next priority project given that there is uncertainty about whether land would be available for the allotments and associated footpath. Refer item to next Council meeting.

It was reported that trees have been cut along the canal, including what is understood to be a memorial tree. It is not clear if the trees were on private land or canal land.

Next meeting: 23 October 2018 2018, 8.00pm

Meeting closed: 9.30pm

Signed

Date