

Halberton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee of Halberton Parish Council held on Tuesday 26 March 2019 at Halberton Village Hall

Meeting started 8.06pm

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

1 Apologies: Cllr Carew

2 Declarations of Interest: None

3 Public Forum: None

4 Minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2019: The minutes were approved and signed.

5 S106 priorities

The Committee noted there are historical S106 funds which the Council has been advised should be used asap otherwise may be lost. The funding is earmarked for the Cordwents project which is progressing this year. The committee noted S106 funds are also being accrued for services for youths.

Noting the planning application 18/00518 Halberton Court Farm development is being considered by MDDC in April 2019, the Council is being requested to consider use of any S106 funds should the application be approved, noting that funds may not be available for 5-8 years, and that if funds are not spent they will be returned to the developer.

After discussion on the options, it was **RECOMMENDED** to Council that, should the Halberton Court Farm application be approved, S106 will be requested for purchase of leisure/recreation equipment, that may be fixed or moveable (such as a boat) within the parish.

It was noted that provision of allotments was still a desirable project for the future.

7 Highway matters

The Committee considered a draft of the highways priorities and AGREED to keep the list under review and send a list of DCC items to Highways with with an invite to attend a future meeting to discuss. It was noted the Rose Cottage Bridge has been hit and damaged again. It was noted the milestone opposite the cemetery has been smashed.

Actions: Clerk to update highway list and send to DCC, report damage to Rose Cottage Bridge, chase DCC re. Broken milestone

6 New bus shelter, High Street: Nothing further to report

7 Recreation area / Car park

Action: Working Group to draw up specification for hard landscaping specification with the aim of work starting in the Summer.

8 Recreation Ground

Replacement benches: It was **NOTED** that S106 approval has been verbally received for the purchase of replacement picnic benches. It was **RESOLVED** to approve purchase of said picnic benches and fixing units.

It was **NOTED** the annual ROSPA report has been received and a number of minor works are required. It was **AGREED** to draw a list of works to be completed, for consideration of a appointment of a handyman at the next Council meeting.

Action: Clerk to summarise list of works needed.

9 Cemetery

No progress on the quote for removal of red oak.

Following complaints about the rubbish in the cemetery it was reported that the MDDC trade waste service will collect "black bag" rubbish for £4.77 per lift. It will supply a green wheelie bin for the purpose and collection will be approx 6am on a Monday morning. A garden waste brown bin is also available for collection on Wednesdays, and may be provided free of charge. It was pointed out that even though a lot of the rubbish was old flowers etc, these are often wrapped in, or contain plastic and it was unlikely that visitors would separate garden and other waste. There was a discussion on the logistics of putting the bin out and bringing back again after emptying, and a suggestion made that the council asks for a volunteer, as well as signage. It was **RESOLVED** to have a trade waste collection on a fortnightly basis, but not to have a garden waste collection.

Action: Clerk to contact MDDC re waste collection, look into signage and put an article in the next newsletter for a volunteer.

9 The Mead: Nothing to report

10 Emergency Plan

The Committee reviewed the current Emergency Plan on the website and noted that the date and names on the website should be updated. After discussion on the purpose of the Plan it was **AGREED** the Plan was sufficient at the present time. Remove from future agendas.

Action: Cllr Hugill to update website, Clerk for forward emergency planning links from DCC.

11 Speed Monitoring

Action: Cllr Browse to do monitoring on Willand Road.

12 Proposed Devon Air Landing site at The Mead: Nothing to update

13 Defibrillator

The unit is installed and working and training organised for 7pm on 16th May 2019. Remove from future agendas.

14 Footpaths / footways

No issues to report.

Action: Clerk to find out when spraying is to take place

15 Miscellaneous Matters (not for decision)

It was reported work will begin shortly to remove obsolete information from the website.

There was a discussion on the lack of, or confusing, signage for the footpaths around Greenway to Jubilee path and the Canal and a suggestion this should be reviewed at a future meeting.

Next meeting: 23 April 2019, 8.00pm

Meeting closed: 21.43pm

Signed

Date