

Halberton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee of Halberton Parish Council held on Tuesday 28 May 2019 at Halberton Village Hall

Meeting started 7.50pm

PRESENT: Councillors Batchelor, Browse, Saunders, Birch and Carew (left after item 8), K Ward (Clerk),

1 Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Cllr Carew nominated and Cllr Birch seconded that Cllr Batchelor should be Chairman. Cllr Carew nominated and Cllr Batchelor seconded that Cllr Graham should be Vice Chairman, subject to her agreement. There were no other nominations. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Batchelor and Graham (subject to agreement) be Chairman and Vice Chairman of Planning Committee.

2 Apologies: Cllr Graham

3 Declarations of Interest: None

4 Public Forum: None

5 Minutes of the meeting held on 23 April 2019: The minutes were approved and signed.

6 Highway matters

The Committee considered and noted the responses from DCC Highways following the meeting with the Highways Officer on 8 June. It was noted DCC has said that any unauthorised signs put up by the community would be removed. Cllr Batchelor is making further enquiries on this with the police with a view to additional signage around Lower Town and will report back. Other matters on the list of issues to be kept under review.

7 Cordwents Recreation area / Car park

Cllr Batchelor presented the draft technical specification for the hard landscaping works. The specification was considered and, subject to agreed amendments it was **RESOLVED** to approve the specification and to look for a minimum of 3 quotes. It was noted that funding cannot be applied for until at least 3 quotes have been received.

Action: Cllr Batchelor to update specification with agreed amendments and obtain quotes.

8 Recreation Ground

It was reported no response has been received from the school confirming responsibility for the fence. Defer item until next meeting.

Action: Clerk to contact school again.

9 Cemetery

It was reported the trade waste collections have begun and they are planned fortnightly on a Monday. It was agreed that there should be clearly signed green bin (trade waste) and brown bin (garden waste) only. Other bins to be removed.

Regarding the unconsecrated ground, the Committee has no recollection of this space being allocated for specific use. It was noted there may be interest in green burials. It was also suggested that the entrance to the cemetery could be improved including repainting the gates and possible consideration of a remembrance wall or more planting. Councillors to consider suggestions as they arise.

Action: Cllr Browse to investigate possible rodents in the cemetery. Clerk/Cllr Batchelor to arrange signs on bins.

10 The Mead

It was considered the goal post works should be a priority for the handyman, subject to getting a package of work agreed.

11 New bus shelter, High Street:

Cllr Batchelor stated he has approached a local carpenter to provide a quote for a wooden shelter design as agreed at previous meeting.

Actions: Cllr Batechelor to obtain further quotes. Clerk to contact the MDDC Conservation Officer with the preferred design for comment.

12 Proposed Devon Air Landing site at The Mead

It was noted progress is dependent on obtaining an electricity supply through Cordwents.

13 Footpaths / footways

It was reported that the grounds maintenance contractor has started spraying, but that the path from Leonard Moor Cross to Bridwell Ave, and Five Bridges near the Spatford stream are overgrown with soil encroachment so making the spraying less effective.

Action: Clerk to report overgrown paths to Highways.

14 Handyperson

No report back on the works allocated so far. It was agreed to review the works list, in particular those at the Rec, in order to form a package of works to approve at the next meeting.

Action: Clerk to contact Cllr Graham regarding progress on approved works. Cllr Batchelor/Browse to review works required at the Rec and Mead.

15 S106 priorities

The MDDC S106 officer has responded to the enquiry on the "teen facilities" project noting there was currently only £1400 in the bank for this project. It was also confirmed that the other Council priorities for future S106 works have been agreed.

16 Miscellaneous Matters (not for decision)

A meeting has been arranged with 3 Rivers on 11 June regarding Orchard House neighbourhood parking

Next meeting: 25 June 2019, 8.00pm

Meeting closed: 20.59pm

Signed

Date