

RIPPONDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Environment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 20th February 2018 at 7.00pm

Cllr Hunt chaired the meeting

Present: - Cllr Carter, Cllr Moran, Cllr Naylor, Mr Winrow (SIB), Mr Fisher (REG), Mrs Mitchell (CMBC)

1. To accept apologies for absence and lateness

Absence - Mr Sofield (BIB)

Mr Hart (RIB) arrived after the meeting with apologies as his wife was ill.

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 31st October 2017

ENV2018-30 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Hunt that the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting held on Tuesday 31st October 2017.

Cllr Moran requested a copy of the spreadsheet detailing the number of entries and entrants over the past two years presented at the previous meeting.

3. Matters arising from previous meetings

The Clerk advised that she had received an e-mail from Amanda Firth at Calderdale Council confirming that she had contacted Peter Lanyon re the tap at the Ripponden Library and that the work should be carried out shortly.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that she had received an e-mail from Kate Willis at Calderdale advising that there was algae on the gate and play equipment frames would not be washed off. Mrs Mitchell said she would have a look and see if anything could be done.

The Clerk reported that she had received an e-mail from Mrs A Teasdale advising that the dog poo dispenser at Mill Fold had disappeared. However, she subsequently contacted the clerk to say it had been put back. Mrs Mitchell agreed to look and see if it is ok.

Mr Winrow advised that Soyland in Bloom had done a clean-up at Lane Head Lane and Hob Lane and dozens of dog waste bags had been found in the grass verges. It was agreed that the Parish Council should contact Environmental Health and inform them.

Cllr Carter suggested that if dog waste bags are an on-going issue at the next clean up to take photographs and put them on the notice board.

4. Members Reports

Mr Fisher on behalf of Rishworth Environmental Group that the group had done a general tidy up of the planters in the Rishworth Jubilee garden.

Mr Winrow on behalf of Soyland in Bloom reported that the wooden door on the Soyland Telephone box was swollen and felt that the Parish Council should have it refurbished. Cllr Carter clarified that the recent work done on the Rochdale Road telephone box had been financed by the Parish Council but the actual work had been done by a Community group. Mr Winrow agreed to take a look at the telephone box and report back at the next meeting what work he felt needed to be done. This would then be put to the Full Council to consider finance.

Mr Winrow went on to report that the group had been working at Ebenezer Graveyard tidying up. Cllr Naylor reported that he knew of a local resident who may be willing to take on looking after areas around Redan. He will report back at the next meeting.

The Meeting agreed that the same arrangement for grass cutting at Ebenezer Graveyard should continue for 2018/19 at a cost of £200. In addition £350 set aside for grass cutting at Hob Lane and a further £100 for plants for the refurbished Soyland planters.

Cllr Moran raised the issue of rubbish and tipping on A672 near M62 junction. Mrs Mitchell agreed to take a look at the issue and see what her team could do. Cllr Moran also reported that the Streetlights at Royd Lane carpark were out once again. Cllr Carter advised that she would speak with Highway Services.

Cllr Moran also informed the Meeting that rats had been seen on Oldham Road near the Last Post. It was agreed that the Parish Council would raise the matter with Environmental Health.

Mrs Mitchell advised that her team had been working on leafing and litter picking around the parish.

5. To review the Committees budget and expenditure

The Clerk had provided copies of the budget and expenditure for the Committees references. The figures were accepted by the Committee.

6. To discuss and approve grants to the 'In Bloom' groups

Consideration was given to committed expenditure and remaining balances up to 31st March 2018. It was agreed that grants as follows should be awarded any grant not covered by the 2017/18 budget would be paid for from 2018/19:

Ripponden in Bloom - £95 for snowdrop bulbs

Soyland in Bloom - £285 for a replacement planter

Barkisland in Bloom - £400 for refurbishment of benches and tubs, Insurance and plants

Rishworth Environmental Group - £300 plants and compost for Slitheroe Bridge and Jubilee Gdn

7. Yorkshire in Bloom 2018

Cllr Carter reported that the Parish Council had opted for just summer judging again this year.

ENV2017-31 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Hunt that wherever possible the colour scheme for summer should be white for peace.

8. Hanging Baskets 2018

The Meeting agreed that the winter hanging baskets should be refurbished for the spring at a cost of £100 and summer hanging baskets should be provided – one free to all participating shops at a cost of £500.

It was also agreed that 9 large Hanging baskets should be ordered from Calderdale Council at a cost of £438.

9. Refurbishment of Parish Council owned benches

It was agreed that the benches in Ripponden should be re-assessed and any required refurbishment reported back at the next meeting. Soyland and Barkisland are already looked after by the in bloom groups.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would provide the Sikkens and Mrs Mitchell's team would do the work if feasible.

10. To approve spending from the Environment Committee

ENV2017-32 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Hunt that the Committee approves the expenditure for:

Grants to Community Groups £1080

ENV2017-33 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Hunt that the Committee approves the expenditure for:

Ebenezer Graveyard grass cutting £200

ENV2017-34 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Hunt that the Committee approves the expenditure for:

Hob Lane grass cutting £350

ENV2017-35 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Carter that the Committee approves the expenditure for:

Hanging Baskets 2018 £1038

ENV2017-36 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Carter that the Committee approves the expenditure for:

Plants for Soyland planters £100

11. To arrange the date of the next meeting

To be arranged at a later date

The meeting closed at 8.15pm