

RIPPONDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Environment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 25th September 2018 at 7.00pm

Cllr Hunt chaired the meeting

Present: - Cllr Johnson, Cllr McCarley, Mr Hart (RIB), Mr Fisher (REG), Mr Winrow (SIB)

1. To accept apologies for absence and lateness

Absence – Cllr Carter, Cllr Moran, Ms Firth (CMBC), Mr Sofiled (BIB)

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 31st July 2018

ENV2018-11 Resolved in a motion by Cllr McCarley and seconded by Cllr Johnson that the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting held on Tuesday 31st July 2018.

3. Matters arising from previous meetings

The Clerk reported that despite sending a second reminder, she still had not received a response from Calderdale Council regarding the invoice for the installation of the percussion tap at the library.

The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken with Cllr J Smith concerning the sponsorship plaques. The Ripponden in Bloom ones had been purchased from Briggs Priestley and had cost more than the quote the Clerk had previously received. It was agreed that the purchase of plaques should be an Agenda item at the next meeting. The Clerk was asked to check with Briggs Priestly that the quote still applied.

An e-mail response had been received from a resident concerning the dilapidated bench at Alma Lane. Cllr Johnson advised that he would take a look and report back at the next meeting.

Mr Hart reminded the Meeting about the missing planter at the Memorial Garden and that Cllr Carter was to make enquiries with Calderdale Council. The Clerk advised that she had not received an update from Cllr Carter.

Cllr McCarley reported that he had not been able to make a start on the listing of the Milestones around the village. Cllr Johnson volunteered to make a note of the ones he can find when he is out cycling. The Clerk also volunteered to check Calderdale Council website for any appearing as listed.

Cllr Johnson reported that he had spoken with a joiner about the gate at Ebenezer Graveyard and that it had been confirmed that the required work was purely cosmetic.

4. Members Reports

Cllr Johnson reported that together with Cllr Carter he had attended the Yorkshire in Bloom Awards ceremony and that Ripponden had been awarded Silver Gilt.

Mr Hart on behalf of Ripponden in Bloom reported that the group was really appreciative of achieving Silver Gilt in the Yorkshire in Bloom competition. The group had decided to keep the white theme for the winter planting and would be planting principally white heathers shortly. Litter was a bit of a problem at the minute for the litter pickers especially on a Sunday morning with all the takeaway containers being tipped. The group were fundraising again at the Christmas Lights Switch On selling raffle tickets for their Christmas Hampers.

Mr Winrow on behalf of Soyland in Bloom reported that there had been a members meeting last night and the group plans to have a good clear up over the next couple of weeks. New bulbs will be purchased and planted shortly. With a kind donation, the group plans to make a formal garden at Hob Lane and as yet the grant provided by the Parish Council for the Soyland Telephone box

had not been spent yet due to a resident group looking into taking on the refurbishment. Unfortunately the resident group has decided that it was too big a job and as such Soyland in Bloom are to look at what is required and will report back at the next meeting.

Mr Winrow confirmed that Ebenezer Graveyard had had its second grass cut of the year and is looking respectable. He also enquired about the possibility of Christmas Lights for Soyland. Cllr Johnson advised that there was to be a Christmas Lights Switch on Committee Meeting in the next couple of days at which lights for Soyland would be discussed.

Mr Fisher on behalf of Rishworth Environmental Group reported that the group had a member meeting a couple of weeks ago and the bench at the entrance of the wood at Rishworth Mill had been refurbished. The group was to use the balance of the grant provided by the Parish Council to replace a couple of planters and these were now on order. The contract for the re-stoning of the path at Jubilee Gardens had now been sorted and the group are to purchase new plants to replace those lost in the dry period.

5. To review the Committees budget and expenditure

The Clerk provided copies of the spreadsheet as at 25th September 2018.

ENV2018-12 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr McCarley that budget and expenditure be accepted as presented to the meeting.

6. To discuss the purchase of handihoop bag openers

The Clerk provided details of the hoops supplied by Mr Hart.

The Meeting agreed that the Parish Council should purchase 7 hoops at a cost of £14.99 each.

7. Update on the Dog Waste Bag Dispensers

The Clerk reported that 3 new dispensers had been purchased, which now needed to be installed. Cllr Johnson volunteered to take a look at the Mill Fold and Barkisland dispenser sites and install these on behalf of the Committee. He also agreed to liaise with Cllr Robins who had suggested the third one for Soyland to find a suitable site.

8. Re-design of the Memorial Garden and the flag pole

The Clerk advised that she had e-mailed Cllr Carter to ask if she could liaise with Calderdale Council to see if the flag pole could be repaired since it had been damaged by its contractor when installing the Christmas tree last year. The Meeting agreed that this should be held over to the next meeting to receive an update from Cllr Carter.

The Clerk provided the Meeting with details of a WW1 bench that had been designed to commemorate the centenary of the end of the war. The Meeting agreed that a bench should be purchased for the Memorial Garden. The Clerk was asked to liaise with Cllr Carter to organise its purchase.

The Clerk reported that she had been approached by Mrs Fisher on behalf of St Bartholomew's Church. BD Brooks had donated a piece of stone which they have volunteered to carve as part of the Falling Poppy project. There was an issue as to where it could be placed after the event and Mrs Fisher wondered if it would be possible for it to be re-sited to the Memorial Garden. The Meeting thought this would be a good idea since it was a proposed project to redesign the planting in the garden. The Clerk was asked to liaise with Mrs Fisher and BD Brooks to get more information about the stone. Due to the tight deadline this would need to be referred to Full Council for a decision to be made.

9. Ebenezer Graveyard

The Clerk asked if for 2019 the number of grass cuts could be increased to 3 per year. It was agreed that this should be looked at early spring 2019.

It was agreed that Cllr Johnson should speak with the supplier of the gates to see if he would repair and varnish them free of charge.

10. Yorkshire in Bloom Judging & Awards

Cllr Johnson reviewed the Awards ceremony and went through the judges remarks. He also advised that Cllr Carter had been given authority by the Parish Council to speak with the organisers about some of the comments and their appropriateness to a Parish Council entry.

11. Review of the Michaelmas Show

The Clerk advised that as yet she had not done a breakdown of attendee and entries but that the popular classes had been photography, Baking and Arts & Crafts. Again the Childrens' classes had been disappointing. It was agreed that the Michaelmas Show should be an Agenda item at the next meeting.

The Clerk confirmed that the shields were with Briggs Priestley for engraving.

12. Update on the Refurbishment of Street Furniture

Cllr Johnson confirmed that the list had been reviewed and updated with details of those benches already been refurbished by groups. Cllr Johnson will now be visiting the remainder to get an update on their state of repair.

13. To approve spending from the Environment Committee

ENV2018-13 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr McCarley that the Committee approves the expenditure for:

7 x Handihoops at £14.99each	£104.93
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ENV2018-14 Resolved in a motion by Cllr McCarley and seconded by Cllr Johnson that the Committee approves the expenditure for:

WW1 Bench	£695.00
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16. To arrange the date of the next meeting

It was agreed as Tuesday 27th November 2018 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.15pm