

RIPPONDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Environment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 31st July 2018 at 7.00pm

Cllr Hunt chaired the meeting

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

1. To accept apologies for absence and lateness

Absence – Cllr Moran, Ms Mitchell (CMBC), Mr Winrow (SIB), Mr Sofiled (BIB)

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th June 2018

ENV2018-07 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr McCarley that the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th June 2018.

3. Matters arising from previous meetings

The Clerk reported that an e-mail had been received from Ms Mitchell of Calderdale Council advising of her resignation.

The Clerk confirmed that the percussion tap had now been installed at the library. An invoice has been received but it is addressed incorrectly so referred back to Calderdale Council. Also the cost has slightly increased due to changes in regulations regarding installation of taps.

A request has been received from Rishworth Environmental Group for a grant of £540 to re stone the path at Jubilee garden, Rishworth. It was agreed that this would be discussed under Agenda item 12.

An e-mail response had been received from Mr Lister at Together Housing regarding the land at Brig Royd. He confirms that his team are experimenting with planting to see what is best for the problem area.

An e-mail response had been received from Calderdale Council concerning the LED replacement of the Victorian Lampposts. The officer confirmed that at present the Council is looking to replace the Victorian lampposts like for like or refurbish them within the conservation area. Cllr Carter advised that Sandyfoot was not in a Conservation area so the Clerk was asked to check that Sandyfoot would also be included.

The Clerk advised that she had received a quote from Briggs Priestley for Sponsorship plaques. The cost appeared quite high but after looking at alternative suppliers it was in line with their costings. The meeting felt that further investigation may be needed and the Clerk said she would speak with Cllr J Smith again regarding the supplier used previously by Ripponden in Bloom and report back at the next meeting.

Cllr McCarley advised that he had made no progress regarding a spreadsheet for the parish Milestones.

4. Members Reports

Cllr Johnson reported that there was a major problem with fly tipping on Rochdale Road near Turvin Road. He confirmed that the matter had been reported to Calderdale Council on several occasions, each time the rubbish had been removed only for the culprit to dump more. It was agreed that a notice should be put on facebook and the notice boards to see if anyone can identify who is responsible. Cllr Carter also asked Cllr Johnson to send her a photograph and she would speak with Environmental Health.

Mr Fisher on behalf of Rishworth Environmental Group reported that the group had concentrated on watering the barrels and planters due to the hot weather. They still have some of the funding left from last year and will be using this to replace plants. Mr Fisher is still to speak with the Cinnamon Lounge regarding sponsorship.

Mr Hart on behalf of Ripponden in Bloom thanked the Parish Council for organising the percussion tap at the library it certainly makes watering the planters easier by the bus layby. Over the past few weeks the group have been busy watering and dead heading the plants in the village for Yorkshire in Bloom judging and really appreciated being involved on the day speaking with the judges. He asked if the group could have more of the litter picking rings previously supplied by Calderdale Council. Cllr Carter said that she would make enquiries as to what the rings are called and whether or not Calderdale Council still had a supply.

The Clerk read out an update from Mr Winrow on behalf of Soyland in Bloom. The grass at Ebenezer graveyard had been cut and was looking much tidier. Also the banking and grass verges at Hob Lane had been cut using the funding from the Parish Council. The group had been busy working at Hob Lane replanting but due to the hot weather the decision was taken not to do any extra planting so the group will restart early autumn.

Cllr Carter reported that she had spoken with the Yorkshire in Bloom judges about the planting in the Memorial Garden and a couple of suggestions had been made for the patch on the slope. It was agreed that this should be a new project and be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Cllr Carter also reported on the land at the bottom of Fountain Street where the seeds had not taken due to the dry conditions. Ms Mitchell had suggested putting in small boulders to make a rock garden, but with her leaving Cllr Carter was unsure if this would go ahead. She will try and speak with Ms Mitchell before she leaves the Council.

Mr Hart asked about the missing planter at the Memorial Garden which had been taken away for repair earlier in the year. Cllr Carter said that she would make enquiries and report back at the next meeting.

5. To review the Committees budget and expenditure

The Clerk provided copies of the spreadsheet as at 30th July 2018.

ENV2018-08 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Johnson that budget and expenditure be accepted as presented to the meeting.

6. Replacement of Dog Waste Bag Dispensers

The Clerk provided photographs of the dispenser at Barkisland and Mill Fold, both in need of replacement. The Clerk informed the meeting that replacements could be obtained from JRB enterprise at £94.50. The meeting agreed that 3 dispensers should be purchased to include one for Soyland.

7. Shop Window Poppy Displays

The Meeting agreed that to promote shop owners to dress their windows to commemorate the centenary of the end of WW1 to coincide with Halifax town centre, week commencing 27th October 2018, would be a lovely idea. Cllr Carter and Cllr Johnson agreed to visit each shop in the centre of Ripponden to see if they would participate.

8. Ebenezer Graveyard

Cllr Johnson volunteered to speak with a local joiner/odd job man to see if he could give any advice as to what was needed to repair/refurbish the gate and will report back at the next meeting.

9. Yorkshire in Bloom judging

Cllr Carter gave a brief review of the judging and thanked all who supported the entry in anyway.

10. Michaelmas Show

The Clerk provided a draft copy of the schedule to Committee members and the Meeting went through the schedule and agreed amendments to the categories. It was also agreed that Mr & Mrs Sofield be invited to judge the Arts & Crafts categories. The Clerk was asked to contact the judges from last year to see if they would be available for judging this year.

11. Refurbishment of Street Furniture

Cllr Carter and Cllr Johnson agreed to inspect all the benches on the previously compiled spreadsheet and report back at the next meeting.

It was agreed that the Notice Boards at Central Hall and one at Rishworth needed replacing for next year and this should be discussed at the next meeting.

Mr Fisher advised that he would be happy to put notices in the Rishworth Notice Boards if Cllr Potts was unavailable to do so.

12. To approve spending from the Environment Committee

ENV2018-09 Resolved in a motion by Cllr McCarley and seconded by Cllr Carter that the Committee approves the expenditure for:

3 x Dog Waste Bag Dispensers at £94.50 each	£283.50
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ENV2018-10 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Carter that the Committee approves the expenditure for:

Grant for pathway stones for Rishworth Environmental Group	£540.00
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16. To arrange the date of the next meeting

It was agreed as Tuesday 25th September 2018 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.40pm