



HADDENHAM Parish Council

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MINUTES ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 25th March 2019, 7.30pm
Day Centre Lounge, Haddenham Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Ms. Bedding, Mr. O'Hanlon, Mr. O'Loughlin, Mr. Wheeler, Ms Poole and Mr Young (Chair) and Mr. Truesdale
Clerk Ms. Gilbert
Deputy Clerk Mrs. Marsden
No members of the public

E19 110 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mr. Lyons (attending a meeting in another parish in his District Cllr capacity)

E19 111 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Public Participation

There were no requests to participate.

E19 112 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2019 were AGREED as a true record and signed.

E19 113 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report was received.

E19 114 STREETLIGHTS

(i) Routine Maintenance

It was AGREED to remove the column on Stokes Croft which has no lantern and has been disused for many years. The owners of the adjoining property had been consulted and chosen this course of action. Eldridge have confirmed the column is still live so UK Power Networks will need to disconnect from the power supply.

The Clerks were asked to provide a summary street light report in future, the detail is not needed. Ms. Poole reported that the column on Stanbridge Road opposite Franklin Road junction is still out.

(ii) Streetlight connections.

New columns on Quakers Mead are now connected and working.

Outstanding connections will be done in mid-April.

The additional column on Thame Road hasn't been done yet. The Clerk reported that an exact location is yet to be agreed and a visit in the dark will be needed.

Connection of the new column on High Street requires a road closure which has increased the cost.

(iii) Renewal of Street Light Maintenance contract.

Two quotes had been obtained for the renewal of the street light maintenance contract. It was AGREED to renew the contract with Eldridges as it was the cheapest and there is an established good working relationship.

E19 115 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

(i) The monthly reports from Aspire have been received. Work continues to be of a good standard.

(ii) The work that has been carried out in additional to the contract was noted as follows:

Removal of a dead tree Longwall £120

Cutting the Leylandii hedge on Sheerstock footpath £180

Removal of Duck House at Church End pond £160

E19 116 CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE

(i) Grounds maintenance at St. Mary's Churchyard.

The topple testing has been carried out and as quite a few stones had to be laid down this has caused some upset. Facebook comments had been followed up with a face to face meeting and once an explanation was given the resident was accepting of the safety reasons. Many headstones have not been installed with sufficient pins, this is a lesson to learn for the new burial ground.

(ii) Outstanding tree work.

The crown lifting of several trees has now been carried out.

(iii) The fee proposal of £6,500 from Conservation Architects for managing the churchyard wall repair project was AGREED. The total cost of the repairs is estimated at £100,000. The work should be actioned immediately for the most urgent repairs.

(iv) The quotation for repair of the fallen wall by the duck pond of £6,275 from JG Restoration was AGREED. In light of the urgency of the work it was agreed that no further quotes would be necessary on this occasion. The work will be booked in as soon as possible.

The duck house has been removed as it was falling down and was unstable and very close to the area needed to work on the wall. It will not be replaced as it is not used, the area around it will be improved once work on the wall is complete.

E19 117 TREE WORKS

Woodways Recreation Ground.

The hedge line along the Recreation ground and Old Mill Close required the removal of ivy. Again this provided a natural screen to the residents of Old Mill Close. The tree work needed was revised to bring it all level and to reduce the width of the ivy on the recreation side (as it is creeping to near the football pitches).

Householder – Roberts Road.

Trees overhanging their property from Woodways Recreation Ground. Complete Trees have surveyed but requires access from householder to undertake further quotes.

Footpath by Haddenham Junior School.

This includes the removal of dead trees and the cutting back of overhanging branches and the removal of self-seeded saplings. Work was carried out in February.

Footpath behind the allotment

The removal of overhanging branches and lots of ivy severing needed. Work was carried out in February.

E19 118 SPEED MONITORING

(i) Sentinel speed watch equipment.

Has not been booked out by Haddenham since the last meeting. Ms. Bedding had met with another volunteer and they agreed to book the equipment out again for a week to get volunteers going again. Need to get consent to shared contact information from some of the volunteers in the earlier training

group.

- (ii) The data analysis report from the MVAS located on Stanbridge Road was received, the dates on the recording may be wrong. >50% of vehicles are speeding, with the worst time being in the evening. It was agreed to set up a schedule to move the equipment around the village leaving it for 2 weeks per location. This will help establish speeding patterns on different roads.
- (iii) VAS for Stanbridge Road
A CAT scan has been carried out by TfB as part of the feasibility cost for the project. Solagen have been sent that information for their contractor to use and the work is being scheduled, with Solagen and HPC sharing the installation cost £362.50 each.
- (iv) It was noted that the LAF has approved 50% funding of the project to reduce the speed limit on the A418 at Scotsgrove. This will be included in the 2019-20 schedule.

E19 119 PLAY AREAS

- (i) It was noted that the new equipment at Banks Park has now been installed. There had been several issues with the installation which were noted. A second safety inspection has been requested to ensure all issues have now been resolved. The level of service and installation standard from HAGS has been very disappointing.
- (ii) The quote of £2,442 to extend the fence at Banks Park Play Area at either end was AGREED, confirmed this can be added to the S106 funding request.
- (iii) Improvements to Sheerstock play area
The issues with the design of this area and the subsequent issues with the Banks Park installation have led to the decision to give up working with HAGS on the Sheerstock recreation area. Two alternative companies have been asked to quote, Proludic and Sutcliffe. Fields in Trust have been asked for their advice on the 20 -30m zone from neighbouring properties' habitable rooms, and are of the opinion that 20m is sufficient distance for this location. This is good news as it allows more flexibility with the layout.
The schemes were reviewed and it was AGREED to proceed with the Proludic quote with some minor amendments, to change to a roundabout and add puzzles.
The Clerks will send out a letter to the immediate neighbours on Sheerstock to notify them of the plans.
- (iv) It was AGREED that as sufficient funds are available the cableway at Woodways Play Area will be replaced from Parish Council funds, a bigger improvement to the site is planned for several years' time, and will use s106 funding. It was AGREED to proceed with Proludic with a saving on placing the order at the same time as the Sheerstock Play area order. Cost £9,500.

E19 120 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2019

It was AGREED to enter the 2019 Best Kept Village Competition.

E19 121 ORCHARD COMMITTEE REPORT

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 13th February 2019 were noted, Mr Lyons was not present to report.

E19 122 ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 20th March 2019 were noted.

E19 123 SNAKEMOOR

Nothing to update on Snakemoor, but thanks were sent to Robyn Thorogood and the other volunteers.

E19 124 BANKS PARK FLAG POLE

It was AGREED not to replace the Flag Pole at Banks Park which is broken and been removed.

E19 125 CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Complaints about dogs being allowed to run free on Woodways Playing Field. The signs are old and are not consistent so need re-thinking.

E19 126 MATTERS OF REPORT

None.

E19 127 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 3rd June 2019.

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

Signed: _____ DRAFT _____ Date: 3rd June 2019
Chair