



Stainland and District Parish Council 30th Environmental Committee Minutes Draft

Draft Minutes of the 25th Environmental Committee Meeting of the Stainland and District Parish Council held on **Tuesday 5th July 2022 at 7:00pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present at the meeting, Cllr Weeks, Cllr Mullany, Councillor Bottomley, Cllr Fieldhouse, Cllr Lyness-Brown and six members of the public

Minutes taken by Laura White-Scott the Parish Clerk and Tony Weeks

	Item
2022E30.1	To note apologies for lateness or absence No apologies were received
2022E30.2	All accepted the minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd May 2022 (29th Environmental Meeting). The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting
2022E30.3	Resolved there were no Parish Councillors' declarations of interest received.
2022E30.4	<p>Six members of the public attended for the Public Participation.</p> <p>Three members of the public attending the meeting expressed their desire to progress the formation of a Friends of Shaw Park Group and stated their enthusiasm for organising events in conjunction with other groups i.e., the WI and SDPC. In addition, they were also looking for funding to develop the football pitch area to included nets on the goal posts and facilities for other sports. In order to progress these issues, the volunteers need to set up a constituted group before they can apply for Grants. LF will be meeting with CMBC Volunteer co-ordinator to discuss support for Friends of Groups. Another suggestion was that a subcommittee of the Environmental Committee be set up for Shaw Park. The Parish Council could apply for Grants on the sub committee's behalf. Item to be submitted to full council for discussion.</p> <p>Noted that the light in Shaw Park has been broken for two years- Resolved that the clerk will contact CMBC regarding this as it is a safety risk.</p> <p>Resident of Sowood Fold attended and raised concerns about the number of weeds in the area and that general untidiness. Most concerning was the presence of Ragwort which poisonous for cattle. Cllr Weeks advised that due to the warden resigning from SDPC the council do not have the resources to undertake this type of work. Resolved that the Parish Clerk will contact CMBC to make them aware of the situation.</p>
2022E30.5	To receive updates on the following live projects Board Walk Repairs Shaw Park – Noted that all bare wood and the hand rails have been painted. Further repainting may be required once the pond renovation work has been completed.



	<p>Pond Renovation Shaw Park – Contractor booked for September; work may now be undertaken in two stages.</p> <p>Transfer of Allotments – Correspondence with CMBC ongoing however, CMBC seem reluctant to have a face-to face meeting. Indication is that CMBC are aiming to transfer the allotments in September so further urgent requests for a meeting will be made. A draft agenda for meeting with CMBC has been submitted.</p> <p>No further update from the land owners on title of ownership.</p> <p>Cat Steps Footpath – Resolved that Clerk would formally write to the adjacent landowner for a progress report on the wall repairs. Noted that a CMBC volunteer work group ‘THE CROWS’ maintains footpaths within the borough and that they could help maintain the Cat Steps path particularly during winter when the path is covered in leaves. JB to follow up.</p>
<p>2022E30.6</p>	<p>It was noted information regarding the following proposed projects</p> <p>Grounds Maintenance – Grass cutting contractor not available this year LF, awaiting response from CMBC regarding legal permission to provide a top up mowing service for some areas.</p> <p>Heritage Railings – Holywell Inn railings have now been installed. Resolved that the next railings to be replaced would be those on Stainland Road opposite the former Burrwood Mill. Resolved that Joan B would obtain a quote for manufacture of the railings by the existing supplier and a quote from Ben Thornber for the installation of the railings. TW reported that an alternative railing supplier had declined to quote.</p> <p>Memorial Park Toddler Play Area – Meeting with CMBC rescheduled for Friday 15th July. Play area is intended to be accessible to all children of toddler age group.</p> <p>Jubilee Commemorative Orchard – Purchase of land progressing, landowner reported that data on title deed is expected soon and predicted that land purchase was on track to enable November planting. TW reported that he had completed a paper with recommendations on tree species and suggestions for involving the community. To be circulated to all councillors.</p> <p>Winter gritting – Carriage Drive, position of grit bin under discussion, TW and LF to revisit the location to assess alternatives. Town-Ing Way, proposed positioning grit bin on pavement on the right at the junction with Stainland Road. A member of the public who was at the meeting stated a grit bin had been removed from Station Road, LF to enquire with CMBC if this can be reinstated and if not to check if it could be provided from SPDC’s budget for this project.</p>
<p>2021E28.7</p>	<p>To discuss the possible restoration of the Follies in Shaw Park</p> <p>LF to contact Greenhead Park Friends of Group for any advice on funding.</p>
<p>2021E30.8</p>	<p>To discuss the Walking Bus proposals</p> <p>ALB had presented his proposals to Bowling Green and Holywell Green schools. Both schools had declared an interest and JS suggested he would contact other Heads at West Vale and Greetland schools for information regarding their schemes.</p>



	<p>Noted that insurance would be covered by the schools and that the walking bus could be supervised by school staff and volunteers. It was proposed to operate the walking bus five days a week with the aim of trialling the scheme in the summer holidays. It was noted CMBC are trialling a School Streets Scheme in some areas.</p> <p>School heads would relay their findings to ALB and would be invited to future Environment meetings.</p>
2021E30.9	<p>To identify any items requiring approval by full Council</p> <p>Resolved to discuss options for assisting Shaw Park Volunteers</p> <p>By either the formation of a Shaw Park sub-committee within the Environmental Committee. or members of this committee assisting the volunteers to set up a Friends of Group for the park.</p> <p>Resolved to submit a revised budget.</p>
2022E30.10	<p>To identify any items of interest for the Communications Committee Newsletter</p> <p>It was resolved that the Holywell Inn railings, the painting of the bridge in Shaw Park and the proposals for the Community Orchard should be passed to the Communications Committee</p>
2022E.30.11	<p>To discuss any items Correspondence</p> <p>No correspondence was received however, it was noted that a comment was made on Facebook regarding the state of The Cross. Resolved that the Clerk would try and contact the author and arrange a meeting with representatives of the Environment Committee to discuss possible improvements.</p>
2022E30.12	<p>To discuss the development of volunteer/community environmental working groups</p> <p>Awaiting response to legal issues raised with CMBC</p>
2022E29.13	<p>To discuss grass cutting</p> <p>Previously discussed in item 6</p>
2022E30.14	<p>To discuss community litter picking.</p> <p>See item 12</p>
2022E30.15	<p>To agree agenda items for the next meeting</p> <p>No new items were proposed</p>
2021E30.16	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 2nd August 2022</p>