



Bar Hill Parish Council
Minutes of Amenities Committee Meeting
Held in The Parish Council Office at 6.15pm
on Wednesday 2nd September 2015

ACTION

Present:

A Saunders Councillor (AS) (Temporary Chair)
B Waters (BW)
S Jenkins (SJ)

In attendance:

S J Bell (Clerk)
J Doland Councillor (JD) (observe)

1. To nominate Chair for forthcoming year

As not all the members of the Committee were present, the election of Chairman for the ensuing year was deferred.

AS was appointed Chair for this meeting on a temporary basis.
Proposed by BW, seconded by SJ and unanimously resolved.

2. To receive apologies for absence

There were none

3. To receive any Declarations of Interest

There were none

4. Consultation on CCC Street Lighting Energy Savings

The Clerk reported that the proposals by Cambridgeshire County Council to increase the period of the current streetlight dimming (8pm or 10pm until 6.00am) to all times and turning off lighting in specified roads between midnight and 6am had been circulated on 14 July 2015. Councillors had been asked to review the list for discussion on whether or not the Parish Council should take up the option of paying for the electricity, initially at £12 per lamp plus £65 administration fee per annum from 2016/17. It was estimated that the County Council's proposal affected approximately 550 lamps, Acorn Avenue, Appletrees, Chestnut Rise, Field View, Foxhollow, Gladeside, Hanover Close, Hillcrest, Hollytrees, Little Meadow, Oatlands Avenue, Otter Close, Partridge Drive, Pheasant Rise, Robin Close, Stonefield, The Brambles, The Fairway, The Spinney, Thruffle Way, Watermead and the perimeter road, Saxon Way and Trafalgar Way. Approximate cost £6700 per annum.

It was agreed that now the nights were drawing in, the effects of the reduction in streetlighting would be easier to assess and all Councillors would be asked to inspect their designated streets with a view to reporting back to Clerk by 10 September so that a decision could be made at the full council meeting on 17 September 2015. Clerk to enquire if the County Council would permit individual householders to pay for a light if they wished. Clerk also to write to Rachel, Caretaker at Hanover Close for comments. Proposed BW, seconded SJ and agreed unanimously

All Councillors and Clerk

JD arrived 6.55pm (observe)



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5. Highways England Survey Fees Infiltration Basin

BW reported that £1200 had been received from Highways England in respect of soil sampling taken around the Infiltration Basin for the A14 works.

SJ proposed that this item be deferred to the next meeting as there were not enough Councillors present, nor ideas received for what to do with this money, to make a recommendation to full council. Seconded by BW and agreed unanimously.

6. Litter Bins

Clerk advised that the new litter bins would be installed during September.

It was noted that not all litter bins had been emptied on Friday 28 September. Some of the Councillors had emptied and tidied some areas over the bank holiday weekend and the District Council had been back to finish the collection on the Tuesday morning.

7. Skatepark

SJ and AS reported that the forms had been submitted to Amey for the grant. The Safeguarding Policy did not meet the needs for the grant and AS would be dealing with this before the full Parish Council meeting on 17 September.

AS

SJ reported that the weekly inspection reports recommended that the safety surfacing should be power washed but this had not been identified as a requirement on the annual inspection. SJ had examined the annual inspection report and recommendations. She requested permission to obtain quotes and make arrangements to implement the recommendations in the annual report regarding purchase of two new swing seats, together with installation, and minor repairs and replacements. Quotes for works and parts to be obtained with a recommendation for approval at full Parish Council on 17 September.

SJ

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.29pm

Signed(Chair of the Amenities Committee) Dated