



Minutes of Amenities Committee remote meeting held on Wednesday 20 October 2021 at 6pm.

PRESENT

Committee Members: Cllr I Jolly, Cllr K Mutch, Cllr M Shepherd, Cllr B Clarke, Cllr G Owen, Cllr J Holiday, Cllr H McGuill, Cllr J Morris

In attendance: Clerk - Mared Eastwood

1. Apologies:

Cllr R Marsh, Cllr F Hadfield-Jones, Cllr M Bradley

2. Declaration of Interests.

None.

3. Daffodils

Clerk advised that the daffodils had now arrived at the office, ready to be planted. Mark Edwards, Streetscene has suggested that a boundary be marked around the bulbs in some way so that the cutters know not to mow in that area, especially for the first season. Volunteers are needed to plant the bulbs.

Resolved: Cllr H McGuill to approach the Fuschia and Geranium Society again and Clerk to approach the scouts.

4. Poppies

Clerk advised that a risk assessment had to be undertaken before volunteers could attach poppies to the lampposts and this has been done to the satisfaction of Flintshire County Council. Part of the risk assessment however, requires a step ladder that conforms to the relevant British Safety Standards.

Resolved: A step ladder to be bought with a budget of approximately £40. Poppies to be attached the weekend prior to 1 November 2021.

5. ASA Garage

Clerk advised that an email has been sent to Flintshire County Council, requesting the appropriate lease and licence be extended, with no other changes.

Resolved: This progress was noted.

6. Christmas Tree and Lights

Clerk advised that whilst the feeder pillar in Mynydd Isa was being refurbished another fault was found in the connection located in a lamppost. This has been rectified but there will be an additional cost of around £100 in relation to this. However, piping that may be used to create a more stable form of erecting the Christmas Tree has been dropped off at the office, with only appropriate nuts and bolts now needed (together with a volunteer to do the work).

Resolved: This progress was noted.

7. Trees for Y Bonc

Clerk advised that an email has been received from North Wales Wildlife Trust to say that Y Bonc is an unsuitable site for trees. However, it was considered that it is a suitable site for a wildflower meadow and a formal proposal may be drawn up if this is of interest to the Council.

Resolved: It was noted that Y Bonc is not suitable for tree planting and that a formal proposal for a wildflower meadow in this area be requested.

8. Salt bins for the community

This was adjourned until a later meeting.

9. Proposed 84 houses at New Brighton

A report of objections has been received from the local resident group, distributed to all Members and representatives from the residents' group attended to expand further on the report. Their main points were:

- With regard to a safe route to school, there had been a fourth option of making New Brighton Rd one-way but it was felt that this would speed up traffic and would be objected to by many residents.
- The proposed footpath would be a valuable community asset. However, many tracts of the verge along New Brighton Road would not be sufficiently wide to accommodate a footpath.
- The proposed development of the existing public rights of way not only would require travel along the road but much of it is over private land.
- The funding of the bus option would involve an ongoing cost to Flintshire County Council and is considered unsuitable on that basis.
- The proposal is considered to be over-development of the village and would have a negative impact on services.
- Flintshire County Council appears to be selective when it refers to the LDP and when it cites the UDP.

- Under the LDP, 40% of the build needs to be affordable homes, therefore this requirement should be increased from the current 30%.
- This development is car-dependent, which counteracts the obligation to encourage more active travel. There is no shop within walking distance other than the Shell garage.
- Welsh Water, in the pre-application consultation, said that the current drainage system would not be able to cope with these additional houses. Flintshire County Council had requested a hydraulic modelling assessment, which had given options to mitigate the issue.

The report and additional information was considered.

Resolved: To support the residents' group in their comments as per the report and presentation.

Meeting ended 6.55pm

Next meeting due to be held 17 November 2021