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Notice of Meeting

All members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend the next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council, which will be held at Formby Library, Duke Street, Formby, on Tuesday 1st October 2019 at 7pm.

Claire Jenkins

Clerk to Formby Parish Council

**Agenda**

1.0 To receive Apologies

2.0 To Receive Declarations of Interest

3.0 To adjourn the meeting for the Public Forum

4.0 Previous Minutes

4.1 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 September 2019.

5.0 Matters of Report from Previous Meeting – for information only

6.0 Planning Applications – (Sefton’s weekly list email, also available on Sefton Council’s website).

7.0 To discuss and resolve the following:

7.1 To review the resolution made by the Parish Council 6 September 2016 “It was resolved that the Formby Parish Council will adopt a stance regarding resisting fracking in Formby and that a policy will be drawn up for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan” and to amend as appropriate.

7.2 To approve a contribution of £258.17 towards two signposts directing traffic from the beach area to the village shops; the Harington and Ravenmeols Ward Cllrs to fund equal shares from their budgets.

7.3 To discuss suggestions for celebrating VE day on the 8 May 2020 bank holiday and to agree a budget.

7.4 Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is resolved that because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the press and public leave the meeting for this item: To discuss and approve one of the quotes received for the new website.

7.5 To approve expenditure to register a .gov domain name for the parish council website.

8.0 To authorise Payments (enclosed)

9.0 To receive the following reports – enclosed for information only

Clerk’s report

Environment Minutes

Finance and General Purposes Group minutes

10.0 Date of the next Ordinary Meeting is **Tuesday 5 November 2019** to be held in the Meeting Room, Formby Library.

**Members of the press and public are welcome to attend**

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## **MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT GROUP**

**16 September 2019**

**Present**: Cllrs: Bernie Prescott

Derek Baxter

Maria Bennett

Yvonne Irving

Bob McCann

Susan McCann

Carol Richards

Joe Riley

Mike Weild

Paul Wiencke

**In Attendance:** Claire Jenkins (Clerk)

## **1.0 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies received.

## **2.0 Declaration of Interest**

Cllr Richards declared an interest for the Rights of Way item.

## **3.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising**

3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2019 were approved.

3.2 It was agreed to write to Highways regarding the complaints about the Southport Road refuge crossing. It was noted that accidents have been witnessed at this location, however, the Education Authority have undertaken a survey and said that this does not meet the criteria for a patrol crossing person.

4.1 Cllr Bennett reported that an application is to be made to the Urban Tree Fund by the Neighbourhoods Officer and that further information is required.

## **4.0 Environment Projects**

Cllr McCann listed a number of potential projects to be considered including:

* Duke Street Park additional security
* Tidy up car park area at Library
* Quote to oil Owl and Story time furniture and memorial gardens benches.
* Map of planters and baskets (which railings). Specify type of plants.
* Village railings and bike rests – painting quote.
* Zebra Crossings
* Village Clock or feature of interest on Chapel Lane roundabout
* Child safety – schools project.
* CCTV
* Village trees
* Blocked drains project
* Benches survey- repair and replace.

Also, it was suggested to contact the various Friends groups: Deansgate Lane park; Duke Street Park; Old British Legion site to find out what are they doing?

## **5.0 Village Environment**

### 5.1 Village Trees

It was noted that the work on the extension to the tree pits is due to commence late September.

### 5.2 Formby Station landscaped area

A request has been received from a resident to ask the Parish Council to take over maintenance responsibility for the triangle of land opposite the Formby Station shopping parade and Duke Street park, as this has not been maintained by anyone for over a year and looks very untidy. It was agreed to find out who owns the land and who maintained this previously.

## **6.0 Stewardship Report**

Cllr Prescott reported that the Bridleways are not being maintained and that the Horse Society have made complaints. Also, the footpath from Andrews Lane to Hightown is overgrown with brambles.

Cllrs Weild, Wiencke and Prescott reported that they have sent in details and photos of blocked drains which have still not been cleared.

It was agreed to ask for a meeting with the Neighbourhoods Officer.

## **7.0 Environment Budget**

The Clerk reported that invoices had not yet been received for the seasonal maintenance work.

## **8.0 Rights of Way**

The Clerk reported that following the last Parish Council meeting, she had telephoned the Planning Inspectorate to find out when we would receive a reply to the enquiry on the Application and that the Inspector originally tasked with this had left and a new Inspector will now review this case. It was agreed that we need to await the Inspectors report and that if we had not heard anything by the end of November then to follow this up again.

## **9.0 Any of Business**

There were no other items.

## **10.0 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 21 October 2019 at 6pm, Formby Library

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## **FINANCE and GENERAL PURPOSE GROUP MEETING**

**Tuesday 18 September 2019**

**Present**: Cllrs: Maria Bennett

Derek Baxter

Dawn Brodie

Dave Irving

Bob McCann

Joe Riley

Paul Wiencke

**In Attendance:** Claire Jenkins (Clerk)

## **1.0 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies received.

## **2.0 Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **3.0 Minutes of the last Meeting**

The minutes were approved.

## **4.0 Matters of Report from the previous meeting**

All matters were on the agenda.

## **5.0 Financial Matters**

**5.1 Budget Monitoring**

Members received the budget monitoring report for the year to September. It was noted that at present the environment maintenance invoices for the season have not been received. Members also noted the reserved budget for the 3g pitch contribution will not now be spent and that budget is now available for other capital expenditure. The reserved budget for the Smithy Green park is still a committed spend and that work to resolve the on-going issues is due to be undertaken in the near future.

## **6.0 Community Fund**

Members noted a request for £258.17 to part fund 2 signposts at Ravenmeols Lane/Liverpool Road and Gores Lane/Piercefield Road from the Formby Business Community representing the village shops. The signposts are to direct visitors to the village centre from the beach. The Clerk reported that the Neighbourhoods officer had advised that Ravenmeols and Harington had agreed to pay an equivalent amount per ward. It was agreed to put this forward to the next council meeting for resolution.

## **7.0 Environment Fund**

Members noted the invoices for the season maintenance work had not been received.

## **8.0 Capital Projects**

Cllr McCann reported that a number of projects have been suggested previously and that the Councillors need to review these and determine which merit taking forward including:

Village clock project or ornamental feature on the Chapel Lane roundabout.

Zebra Crossings in particular Southport Road and Liverpool Road (though it was thought that the developers for the Liverpool Road site will upgrade that crossing).

Matrix Signs on the bypass for beach visitor traffic

Railings in the village require fixing and re-painting.

Child safety; a project in conjunction with local schools.

Additional security measures at Duke Street park.

Members also discussed a Celebration of VE day and suggested a street party on Friday May 8th Chapel Lane. It was agreed to put this to the council for a resolution and agree a budget.

It was suggested that members form a working party to review and put forward suggestions to formulate a plan.

## **9.0 Risk Assessment**

Cllr Brodie reported that HSBC have a savings account, however the interest rate slightly lower than we receive at present and that we would have to open a current account with them. Alternative savings accounts are available on-line.

## **10.0 Website, Newsletter and Social Media**

The Clerk reported that two website meetings have been held and one more is planned. It was noted that the new website is required to meet the new public sector regulations on accessibility, which requires a technical knowledge of website building and cannot be achieved inhouse using templates.

## **11.0 Any Other Business**

Members discussed the Pride of Formby Awards and members suggested dates of 20/27 March or 5/12/19 June. Cllr Bennett will find out when the Gild Hall is available.

It was agreed to email Cllrs with last year’s list of awards for them to review the number and criteria for the awards.

## **12.0 Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 23 October 2019 at 6pm, Formby Library