

**Minutes of Hullbridge Parish Council General Purposes Committee
Meeting held Wednesday 19th February 2020 at 19.30 hrs. at the
Hullbridge Parish Council Office**

Present: Cllrs Miss A Marriott, P White and Ms S Thomas
Clerk: Mrs AM Bates
Visiting: Cllrs D. East

24. **Apologies for Absence**

24.1 None

25. **Approval of Minutes**

25.1 RESOLVED, Members agreed the minutes as a true record of the Committee meeting held on **27th November 2019**

26. **Declarations of interest / Dispensations - None**

27. **Public Participation – None**

28. **Street Furniture/Hanging Baskets, Pooles Lane car park, Highway matters**

28.1 Members discussed the following and noted or agreed any action to be taken:

- Bus Shelters – The Clerk advised that there are no issues.
- Notice Boards/bins – The Clerk advised that the public notice board in Pooles lane car park was damaged beyond repair in the storms. Members agreed that as this is not an official Parish notice board and not really used that it would not be replaced.
- Teen Shelter – Currently no issues. Spring we will look to repaint it a brighter colour.
- Seating/bollards – No Issues
- Hanging Baskets – Some of the brackets will need to be replaced before the can be repositioned lower on the posts.
- War Memorial / Village Sign – The Clerk advised that she had chased BDW regarding the capping for the War Memorial. Village signs will hopefully be reconsidered during next year's budget. A plaque for Mr. Jim Stevenson has been ordered and will be put up as soon as possible. This area will also be improved with concrete edging replacing the current old wooden edging also the beds and benches will be painted and enhanced.
- Toilets
The Recreation Ground toilets are now closed until Easter, there hasn't been any updated from RDC regarding the Pavilion future use. Pooles lane car park toilet has recently been in good order. The chute has been fitted but not to a bin which has been requested.
- CCTV – All working. The Clerk has provided data regarding an recent accident.
- Highway Issues The Clerk after investigation found out that the mystery sign was BT's and a permit was not requested for the proposed Lower Road closure so will not be going ahead on 21st February 2020.

- Pooles Lane car park – Part of the fence requires a replacement.
The Crocodile teeth at the exit of the car park is broken and needs to be replaced.
Members noted.

29. **Allotment (Sub Committee) and Events Working Group / Village Resilience-Vision**

- 29.1 The Clerk advised that she will attend the next Allotment Committee to discuss the setting up of an Allotments Association so each plot holder can be insured for basic fire and theft cover. The Parish Council has contacted the plot holder to advise that we will not be pursuing the costs for the felling of the damaged trees and that he needs to negotiate reimbursing the neighbouring plot for his losses.
- 29.2 The Christmas Fayre - Members noted that assistance is required for the Fayre but is will be going ahead on 5th December 2020.
- 29.3 RESOLVED – Members agreed in principal for a Village Christmas Sign costing £1,697+ VAT. Clerk to check with Highways to make sure viable.
- 29.4 Village Resilience – Emergency Planning – meeting will be taking place after this GP meeting.

30. **Date of the Next Meeting**

- 30.1 Members noted that the next meeting is Wednesday 29th April at 19.30hrs

Meeting Closed
21.30 hrs

Anne-Marie Bates
Clerk to the Council

Chairman Signed: _____