

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
held on Monday 12 October 2015 at 7.00pm
at Council Offices, Post Office Road

Present Cllr B Anderson, Cllr K Hathaway, Cllr Manship & Cllr I Broughton

In Attendance: The Clerk, Cllr J Dobson & Cecilia Murray, Member of the Public

670 Apologies

It was resolved to accept apologies from Cllr Bubb.

671 Declarations of Interest

None received.

It was resolved to open the meeting to allow Cllr Dobson and member of the public to speak. It was also resolved that item 4 buses would be taken next.

672 Buses

There had been a few comments about the no11 buses not going around Mountbatten and going direct to the hospital. Cllr Dobson said that he would like the Council to task him with the job of taking this situation up with the NCC and the operators in the same way as the situation to get the no11 reinstated. Cllr Dobson said that he would like to get Ben Colson's advise on the practicality of this request. Cllr Dobson also said that the Council's need to promote the use of the West Norfolk Community Transport and the Heacham Community Car Scheme under such circumstances.

Cllr Dobson said that there has been a delay in getting the new situation with the Coast Hooper up and running. This was down to the Traffic Commissioner and a lack of drivers.

Cllr Dobson then went on to talk about the campaign that was successful in Great Massingham of keeping the service. Use it or lose it. If the No 11 service is not used then in 12 months time the service will be lost. Cllr Dobson wanted the Council to write up a piece for the Village Voice re this situation. Cecilia Murray has been working on places of interest using the no 11 bus. There is also the need to speak with the Sandringham Camp Site to encourage use.

It was resolved for the meeting to return to closed session.

It was resolved for the Clerk to task Cllr Dobson with taking up the Mountbatten situation. For Cllr Hathaway to undertake the first draft of a piece for Village Voice.

Cllr Dobson and Cecilia Murray left the meeting.

673 Minutes of meeting of 14 September 2015

It was resolved for the minutes to be signed by the Chair, as a true and accurate record.

674 Matters Arising

(665g) The Clerk advised that the Sport Ground Management felt that the dog fouling signs were too wordy and needed a visual aspect. Cllr Payne had shown them the signs that the Borough Council is currently using. The Clerk advised that

the Borough are changing theirs in line with new laws but does not know when they will be ready. **It was resolved for the Clerk to ask Cllr Payne when the new law would come into force and if the signs are ready now and could the committee have a sneak preview?**

675 Rangers

Nothing to report.

Cllr Hathaway advised that the ivy at the corner of Woodside Close have been cut back.

676 Major Emergency Plan

This was discussed in great detail. **It was resolved for Cllr Anderson to look at this and do some preliminary work and bring back to the next meeting.**

677 Current Financial Position

The Clerk handed round the budget sheets for Environment and The Warren. The Accounts were found to be all in order.

678 Contracts

Cleaning Contract

Cllr Anderson had sent round a draft prior to the meeting for everyone to comment on. Cllr Hathaway said that she felt that the benches should be cleaned every three months not monthly. Cllr Anderson agreed to change this. The next step is to arrange a meeting with Mr Lee.

679 Partnership Scheme

The Clerk advised that a letter had been received saying that potholes can be added this year. **It was resolved for Cllr Hathaway to ask the Taskforce and Dersingham Walkers Group if they know of any.**

680 Streetlights – Orchard Close

The Clerk had sent round the quotes received and the one photometric plot received. **It was resolved for the Clerk to arrange site meetings with Amey and K & M Lighting.**

681 Actions Outstanding.

Items will be reported under Areas of Responsibility.

682 Areas of Responsibility

(a) **Bus Shelters/Bus Stop**

Cllr Anderson has finally managed to talk with Elizabeth Fiddick. Unfortunately she does not know anything about it. Elizabeth Fiddick is going to check with the Royal Archives.

(b) **Streetlights**

They have started on the changing the list at Clayton Close but unfortunately they are changing the wrong column. **It was resolved for the Clerk to inform them urgently of the error.**

(c) **Grasscutting**

Nothing to report

(d) **Cleaning**

Nothing to report.

(e) **Litter bins**

Nathan Johnson of the Borough Council had advised Cllr Bubb that he would look into replacing the broken catch on the litterbin. **It was resolved for the Cllr Bubb to take up with the Borough Council again.**

(f) **Seats and Benches**

Nothing to report.

(g) **Dog waste bins/sponsorship –**

The Clerk reported that the Borough Council Dog Bin Emptying man had rung her asking where the new bin on the Common was. The Clerk advised him that no permission has been granted from the Borough. He advised he had been asked to empty. The Clerk advised that she got Mr Lee to put a spare dog bin in place.

The Clerk also reported that the Borough had advised that three bins had a lot of vegetation around making access hard. The Clerk advised that the dog bin on Admirals Drive by the entrance to the woods was owned by Sandringham and she would advise. **It was resolved for the Clerk to get Mr Lee to remove the vegetation from the others.**

(h) **Footpaths and Walkways**

The Clerk advised that she had managed to get a quote for two tins of paint to cover the dog poo but the paint cost £9 but carriage was £15. **It was resolved for Cllr Hathaway to look up the supplier she found to see if they were cheaper.**

(i) **Tree Warden**

Cllr Anderson had contacted Mr Fisher regarding the Lime tree and advised that it was down to the Legal Team and the Borough now. **It was resolved for the Clerk to contact the Legal Team and chase.**

The Clerk had obtained a quote for tree work down Bank Road/Earl Close but Mr Yeoman felt that a site meeting was needed. **It was resolved for Cllr Anderson to organise.**

The Clerk advised that a lady had emailed in wanting the conifers around the Pill Box in Broadlands Close cut down. Cllr Broughton also advised that the brambles and trees etc by the end house were also out of control and needed work. **It was resolved for the Clerk to get Mr Lee to cut down the conifers around the Pill Box and Cllr Anderson to get Mr Yeoman's to check the other area when the site visit is achieved at Bank Road etc.**

(j) **General Village Environment –**

Didge Around the Sport Field

Cllr Hathaway reported that the ditch around the Sports Field needed some work. **It was resolved for the Clerk to ask the Sport Ground Management regarding this.**

Bonfires

Cllr Broughton said that she had been approached by a lady regarding a person in Manor Road setting a bonfire every day. The Clerk advised that the lady should report to the Borough Council Nuisance Team. **It was resolved for Cllr Broughton to pass on this information.**

683 The Warren

Cllr Anderson advised that the new quote for the Bentinite Clay Liner has been received and is just as expensive.

It was resolved that this Committee recommend to Full Council that the Council go with this liner. The Clerk to send round the quote with the Full Council agenda.

684 Correspondence –

- a) Letter from NCC re Minerals and Waste.
- b) Glasdon Leaflet.
- c) Broxap Leaflet.

685 Items for inclusion at next meeting –

Same agenda items plus Precept.

686 Date, time and venue of next meeting

Monday 9 November 2015 at 7.00pm in the Council Offices.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 9.10pm.