

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
held on Tuesday 8 December 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 A Bubb

704 Apologies

Everyone present

705 Declarations of Interest

None received.

706 Minutes of meeting of 9 November 2015

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

707 Matters Arising

(690) (674) (665g) **It was resolved for the Clerk to chase Cllr Payne regarding the new dog fouling signs for the sport field.**

708 Rangers

It was resolved for the Clerk to add clearing up the leaves opposite the Tithe Barn and Church.

709 Major Emergency Plan

Cllr Anderson said that he was working on several matrices of results and as far only the Road Traffic Accidents were coming out as high. Cllr Anderson advised that it would be good to find out who had LPG tanks and used oxyacetylene within the village. **It was resolved for Cllr Anderson to provide a draft for the next meeting.**

710 Current Financial Position

The Clerk handed round the budget sheets for Environment and The Warren. The accounts were found to be all in order and running on target. The Clerk advised that FGP&A had asked if some of the remaining budget for the Parish Partnership be used to produce the new website. **It was resolved for this to happen.**

711 Precept

No changes to what was set at the last meeting.

712 Contracts

Cleaning Contract

Cllr Anderson advised that Clerk that he would get back to her early next week with a couple of suitable dates for the meeting.

713 Streetlight Energy Contract

The Clerk went through all the figures she had emailed. By signing a three year deal with OPUS the Council would make a considerable saving with the quote from our current supplier and with E-On Energy. **It was resolved for the Clerk to sign a three year deal with OPUS.**

714 Streetlights – Orchard Close

Cllr Anderson went through the quotes received and explained the differences and the light plan etc. **It was resolved for the Clerk to place an order with K & M lighting to change the lights in Orchard Close.**

715 Actions Outstanding.

Items will be reported under Areas of Responsibility.

716 Areas of Responsibility

(a) Bus Shelters/Bus Stop

Cllr Anderson had produced a draft flyer for the use it or lose it campaign regarding the no 11 bus. Cllr Hathaway suggested that Dersingham Parish Council was needed as a title and the Council logo should be used and also a picture of a bus. Cllr Bubb had a picture from Village Voice that could be used and make an amendment to the text lineage. **It was resolved for the Clerk to amend the flyer, and obtain a price from the Borough to print. Cllr Bubb to get the bus picture to the Clerk to use.**

Cllr Anderson said that as the bus stops do not look like moving this committee should look at putting some hardstanding around the two stops in Station Road next year.

(b) Streetlights

It was resolved for the Clerk to chase K & M Lighting regarding the overhead cable at Gelham Court.

(c) Grasscutting

Cllr Bubb felt that the Urban Area could do with another cut prior to the spring. **It was resolved for the Clerk to get Mr Lee to undertake another cut.**

(d) Cleaning

Nothing to report.

(e) Litter bins

It was resolved for the Cllr Bubb to take up with Chris Bamford as he is getting no response from Nathan Johnson.

The Clerk also reported that Mr Lee had advised that the bins were not emptied last week. **It was resolved for the Clerk to report to the Clean Up Team.**

(f) Seats and Benches

Cllr Bubb reported that the bench at the War Memorial was asked several years ago for it to be bolted down and he noticed that is this not the case as it has been recently moved. **It was resolved to recommend to Full Council that this bench is bolted down as previously requested.**

- (g) **Dog waste bins/sponsorship –**
It was resolved for the Clerk to source another source for the printing of the four dog bin stickers.

The Clerk advised that she had asked Heacham regarding the water soluble spray paint to identify not picked up deposits. It was agreed that if they order some more then the Council would add to theirs so both saved on postage.

- (h) **Footpaths and Walkways**
Cllr Bubb reported that some of the pea shingle on the footpath between the Catholic Church and Gelham Manor was now on the pavement. **It was resolved for the Clerk to get D.Lee to brush it back into place.**

The Clerk advised that the Streetlight in the alley between Old Hall Drive and Stratford Close has been out for five weeks or more she had reported to County every week but still not been achieved she is currently asking Parishioners to report themselves. **It was resolved for the Clerk to contact John Dobson if not repaired within the next week.**

- (i) **Tree Warden**
Cllr Anderson has met Mr Yeomans regarding the area at the bottom of Bank Road regarding the vegetation and tree works needed but no quote received though some work has taken place. **It was resolved for the Clerk to chase.** Cllr Anderson still had to talk with him over the Pill Box. **It was resolved for Cllr Anderson to organise this.**

The Clerk advised that TPO regarding the Lime tree had been received from the Borough Council. Cllr Anderson asked for a copy.

- (j) **General Village Environment –**
Task Force
Cllr Hathaway has purchased four large sacks equalling 100kg of daffodils and they are all planted. Cllr Hathaway advised everyone to look at the Task Force Tree in the church.

717 The Warren

Cllr Anderson reported that the work was due to start tomorrow. Paul Edwards had agreed to get the water in when necessary. Cllr Anderson felt the Darren should have his mobile number if any problems occur. **It was resolved for the Clerk to get the number to Darren.**

Cllr Hathaway said that she had read the email that the Clerk had forwarded regarding the damage to the stakes etc on The Warren. Cllr Hathaway had advised the Clerk to speak with the Police as one of the areas identified within the snap meeting was Anti-Social Behaviour in Dersingham. The Clerk advised that she had emailed Maria Lambert.

718 Correspondence –

- a) Letter from Snettisham Parish Council re recycling centres. The Clerk advised that Docking tip is closing at the end of the month and Heacham will not be open on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays.
- b) Leaflet from CGM
- c) Email re allotment bonfires. Cllr Hathaway advised that she had spoken to the lady and gentleman and asked that they report to the Borough Council.

- d) Government sheet regarding harmful weeds and invasive, non-native plants and how to stop them spreading.

719 Items for inclusion at next meeting –
Same agenda items

720 Date, time and venue of next meeting
Monday 11 January 2016 at 7.00pm in the Council Offices.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 8.50pm.