

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
held on Monday 13 June 2016 at 7.15pm
at Council Offices, Post Office Road

Present : Cllr B Anderson, Cllr K Hathaway & Cllr Manship

In Attendance: The Clerk B/Cllr Bubb

790 Apologies

It was resolved to accept apologies from Cllr Broughton.

791 Declarations of Interest

None received.

792 Minutes of meeting of 16 May 2016

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

**793 Matters Arising
Edinburgh Way**

(780) (765) (752) (739) The Clerk advised that she had left a couple of messages on the answer phone of Mr Loveless but had not received a reply. The Clerk advised that the situation had not improved over half term. The Clerk had spoken to the Borough Council to see if they would help again as per five-year back but they are unable to attend. The Clerk had asked if there is anyway Education Programme could be used to inform the residents/children re what can and cannot go in bins etc. Nathan Johnston agreed to pass on to the relevant department. The Clerk said that it needed clearing out with a mini digger but how to get the rubbish removed from site. **It was resolved for the Clerk to obtain a quote to get the rubbish out of the ditch and Cllr Bubb to speak with Cllr Brian Long to see if the Borough Council would remove.**

794 Rangers

Cllr Bubb advised that the verges in Elizabeth drive were in need of work. **It was resolved for the Clerk to put on the Ranger List.**

795 Major Emergency Plan

Cllr Anderson had not been able to ask the Cllr yet. **It was resolved for Cllr Anderson to speak a.s.a.p.**

796 Current Financial Position

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

797 Actions Outstanding.

Items will be reported under Areas of Responsibility.

798 Areas of Responsibility

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

The Clerk advised that NCC Highways had advised that the bus stop on Chapel Road would cost £98 to replace. **It was resolved for the Clerk to place the order for Highways to repair.**

Cllr Bubb said that the inside of the two brick bus shelters could do with a paint. **It was resolved for the Clerk to obtain quotes to get this achieved.**

(b) **Streetlights**

The Clerk advised that to replace the two streetlights in Clayton Close with two LED bulbs was £65.00 each. **It was resolved for the Clerk to place an order to replace the two lights in Orchard Close with LED bulbs.**

(c) **Grasscutting**

Nothing to report.

(d) **Cleaning**

Nothing to report.

(e) **Litter bins**

Nothing to report.

(f) **Seats and Benches**

Cllr Anderson had checked the bench by the Church Hall and one end was not suitable to sit on. **It was resolved for the Clerk to obtain quotes to get some hardwood well-seasoned slates screwed on top.**

(g) **Dog waste bins/sponsorship –**

It was resolved for the Clerk to check when the Sponsorship was due.

(h) **Footpaths and Walkways**

Cllr Anderson advised that he and the Clerk had attended a footpath seminar today. He explained that any footpath not registered by the 1 January 2026 would be lost. The British Horse Society was urging people to check old maps eg tithe maps, drainage maps and look for footpaths that are not on the current definitive map. The British Horse Society can provide funding for evidence to get these footpaths, bridle ways on the definitive map. The Clerk also advised that Walkers are Welcome was discussed and might be a good thing to undertake. The Clerk agreed to get more information for the next meeting.

(i) **Tree Warden**

Cllr Hathaway reported about the Willow in Burma Close looked dead. **It was resolved for Cllr Anderson to check and advise.**

Cllr Anderson said that the Office had advised him regarding a lady who had an enquiry regarding trees on a neighbouring property that she was in the process of buying. Cllr Anderson went to check and they were four hornbeams in two gardens in Chestnut Close which were around twenty meters high and subject to TPO's. The lady had decided to withdraw her offer.

(j) **General Village Environment –**

Bank Road

Cllr Hathaway advised that the grass/bracken under the trees needed to be removed. Cllr Anderson advised that this cannot be undertaken until the autumn due to nesting birds. The Clerk asked if the fence should be replaced. **It was resolved that no fence was necessary and would not be replaced.**

Recreation Trees

Cllr Anderson said that he would like to see the two Trees of Heaven on the Recreation Ground removed and replaced with large Ash trees variety called Autumn Gold which did not suffer from Ash die back. The Clerk advised that she was currently out to tender to put Christmas Lights on one and loosening the lights on the other. **It was resolved to recommend to Recreation via Full Council that these trees are removed.**

799 The Warren

Cllr Anderson went through the planting scheme that he had worked on. Cllr Anderson said that it was advised to have between 5-7 plants per square meter. Cllr Anderson said that he wished to undertake 11 square meters to start with which would mean a total of around 78 plants. Cllr Anderson said that he did not have a price list from Pond UK. The Clerk advised that she had a price list it was attached to the email. Cllr Anderson to check. **It was resolved for Cllr Anderson to buy the necessary plants to a budget of £500.00.**

800 Correspondence –

a) Email from a NCC re Parish Partnership Scheme.

Cllr Anderson said he would like to put forward providing hard standing to the Bus Stops in Station Road. Cllr Payne advised that she would like a crossing from the Church or Manor Road to the Church Hall. This would help with getting to the Hall and Doctors. **It was resolved for the Clerk to discuss with Sally Bettinson, Highway Engineer.**

801 Items for inclusion at next meeting –

Parish Partnership Scheme

802 Date, time and venue of next meeting

Monday 11 July 2015 at 7.15pm in the Council Offices.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 20.35pm.