

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
held on Monday 14 November 2016 at 7.15pm
at Council Offices, Post Office Road

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

In Attendance: The Clerk

849 Apologies

It was resolved to accept the apologies of B/Cllr Bubb.

850 Declarations of Interest

None received.

851 Minutes of meeting of 10 October 2016

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

852 Matters Arising
Edinburgh Way

(838) (824) (806) (793) (780) (765) (752) (739) The Clerk advised that Cllr Payne and Cllr Davey are meeting with Sandringham over the Village Hall and hopefully they are going to bring the dyke up during the meeting. Andy, Mr Stanton's charge hand has been instructed to meet with the Clerk but she has not received an email or a phone call.

853 Rangers

Cllr Anderson advised that the leaves by the Church and on the opposite footpaths are very dangerous, the Clerk advised that Hunstanton Road by the Recreation Ground is also dangerous due to leaves. Cllr Hathaway said that the footpath between Manor Road/Old Hall Drive and Stratford Close. **It was resolved for the Clerk to report to Highways and ask for them to be added to the Rangers List.**

854 Parish Partnership Scheme

The Clerk advised that Ms Bettinson said that the Council needed to get the stop designated before any hard standing can be achieved. The Clerk advised about the email she had received and sent round regarding the pedestrian crossing that the Council previously asked for a number of years ago. It seems that NCC are due to undertake an agreed update to the traffic lights and have said that they would undertake the crossing in one or two places on the Parish Partnership Scheme for a cost of £25,000 to the Council. The Clerk advised that at the Autumn Conference she was advised that further funding might be available. **It was resolved for the amount to be asked within the budget and the Clerk to investigate funding.**

855 Major Emergency Plan

Cllr Anderson advised that he had obtained some of the necessary contact details. The Clerk advised that she had starting to fill in the plan but the version needs blocking and copying and reformatting so was not a small task.

856 **Current Financial Position**

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

857 **Precept Setting.**

Please see attached sheet.

858 **Actions Outstanding.**

Items will be reported under Areas of Responsibility.

859 **Areas of Responsibility**

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

Cllr Hathaway advised that the bus shelter on Chapel Road has mud sprayed all over the back on the freshly painted walls. **It was resolved for the Clerk to ask Mr Lee to clean.**

(b) **Streetlights**

The LED replacements are taking place. Cllr Hathaway advised that the overhead cable is still in place at Gelham Court and felt that it was due to be put underground by UK Power network this month. **It was resolved for the Clerk to find out when it would be replaced.**

(c) **Grasscutting**

Cllr Hathaway reported that the verge in Station Road still had not been achieved and the nettles were very unpleasant. **It was resolved for the Clerk to chase.**

Cllr Broughton said that the footpath between Viceroy and Broadlands was very overgrown with the brambles and getting impassable. **It was resolved for the Clerk to get Mr Lee to cut back and possibly remove the roots of the brambles if possible.**

(d) **Cleaning**

Nothing to report.

(e) **Litter bins**

The Clerk sent round the replacement cost. **It was resolved for the Clerk order and replace.**

(f) **Seats and Benches**

Cllr Wright had agreed to obtain the paint.

(g) **Dog waste bins/sponsorship –**

The Clerk advised that Costal Vets had renewed their sponsorship of the 21 bins. The Sports Ground Management were due to put the dog fouling notices up within the coming week. The Clerk advised that she had received a letter from a Parishioner asking if the dog bin in Centre Vale could be doubled eg another one put to the side as the bin is always full even the day after it has been emptied. **It was resolved for the Clerk to purchase a new dog bin and to get Mr Lee to put in place and then the Clerk to advise the Borough Council. It was also resolved for the Clerk to ask Mr Johnson what was the agreed**

increase in emptying the dog bins for the next financial year so an accurate number can be put in the precept.

(h) **Footpaths and Walkways**

Cllr Anderson had spoken with Elizabeth Fiddick and she advised that there are footpaths that no longer exist on old maps that she has. Cllr Anderson to pursue. The Clerk was waiting a call from Mr Stanton's Charge Hand regarding the stile/steps on the pasture.

(i) **Tree Warden**

The Clerk advised that she had been advised that poison was the only thing necessary regarding the Trees Of Heavens but had asked and received quotes to grind down the stumps **.It was resolved for Mr Yeomans to undertake the work ones the Christmas Period is over.** Cllr Hathaway asked when the dead Willow Tree at the back of Bank Road would be removed. **It was resolved for the Clerk to chase.**

(j) **General Village Environment –
Station Road/Valley Rise Verge**

The Clerk reported that Ms Bettinson had said no to bollards even if the Council paid. Ms Bettinson had asked the Council to consider a Cultivation Licence. **It was resolved for nothing to be achieved at the moment and to wait and see if the situation improves if not then the Council would consider the Cultivation Licence.**

Cllr Anderson advised that there was a planning application currently in that would mean that a large tree would need to be removed. The owner had asked for the tree to be removed as it was felt it was breaking the garage wall. Cllr Anderson advised that there is neither a report from a Structural Engineer and no report from an Arborist which Cllr Anderson will be asking for at the next Full Council meeting.

860 The Warren

It was resolved for the Clerk to chase up the arrangements re the fire of the standpipe and hose to fill up the pond. The Clerk had received another quote for the bridge but did not have the finer details eg materials to be used etc. **It was resolved for the Clerk to obtain this information.**

861 Correspondence –

a) TT Jones copy bills. The Clerk advised that TT Jones were chasing payment from 2013/14. The Clerk advised on the situation and how the Council had paid the maintenance charge but were not prepared to pay for extras with no evidence. The Clerk had advised them again. **It was resolved for no further action until evidence is made available.**

**862 Items for inclusion at next meeting –
Same agenda**

**863 Date, time and venue of next meeting
Monday 12 December 2016 at 7.15pm in the Council Offices.**

With no further business the meeting was closed at 20.15pm.