

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
held on Monday 16 January 2017 at 7.15pm
at Council Offices, Post Office Road

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

In Attendance: B/Cllr Bubb & The Clerk

879 Apologies

Everyone present

880 Declarations of Interest

None received.

881 Minutes of meeting of 12 December 2016

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

882 Matters Arising

Edinburgh Way

(867) (852) (838) (824) (806) (793) (780) (765) (752) (739) The Clerk advised that Parishioner had come to the office with some paperwork that said that the area was in fact covered by Riparian Rights of all the households that back onto the dyke. **It was resolved for Cllr Anderson to come and look at the paperwork and go through the maps with the Clerk and work on taking this forward.**

883 Rangers

Cllr Bubb advised that the wooden cage around the tree opposite the newsagents and outside The Green is falling apart and the tree does not need it anymore. County had given permission to remove the wire years ago which was achieved now the wood needs to be replaced. Cllr Anderson said that he would remove the wood himself. **It was resolved for Cllr Anderson to remove the wooden cage from the tree.**

884 Parish Partnership Scheme

Cllr Anderson explained that at the FGP&A meeting there was concern regarding putting this amount of money on the precept and was it necessary. Cllr Anderson advised that as Chair of this committee and as a committee decision he would fight for the money at the precept meeting.

885 Major Emergency Plan

Cllr Anderson advised that he had not been able to move forward at this present time.

886 Current Financial Position

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

887 Grasscutting Contract

The Clerk handed round a chart showing the tender prices. **It was resolved to recommend to Full Council that Mr D Lee is awarded the contract for all**

areas except the Recreation Ground and including the War Memorial Garden on an as and when basis to start with and CGM be awarded the contract for the Recreation Ground. It was also resolved for the Clerk to get Mr Lee to undertake a clean-up of the War Memorial Area straight away and for the Clerk to email Cllr Brundle and Cllr Green and advise of this.

888 Precept Setting.

The advised that the Electricity bill for the streetlight energy was only a third of the usual cost. Due to this it was decided to reduce the budget for 2017/18 down to £2500.00. The Clerk advised that she had heard from Nathan Johnson and each dog bin would cost £1.58 each per week. Due to this the budget needs to increase and there will possibly be an increase again next year. It was resolved to increase the Dog Emptying budget to £2800.

889 Actions Outstanding.

Items will be reported under Areas of Responsibility.

890 Areas of Responsibility

(a) Bus Shelters/Bus Stop

Nothing to report.

(b) Streetlights

The LED replacements are all in place and the bill has been received. Please see precept report. Cllr Bubb said that the lights at the back of The Gables were blinding people driving and walking in the area. **It was resolved for Cllr Bubb to speak with them and ask if they can be pointed down more.** Cllr Bubb also said that the lights around Centre Vale etc could also due to being tipped down so they cover the pavement better. **It was resolved for Cllr Anderson to speak with K & M Streetlighting to see if it was possible.**

(c) Grasscutting

See under Grasscutting Contract.

(d) Cleaning

Nothing to report.

(e) Litter bins

The Clerk advised that the new litter bin by Woodside Close is in place. Cllr Bubb said the Council could put sponsorship stickers on the litter bins as well. An advertisement could be placed in the Village Voice.

(f) Seats and Benches

The Clerk advised that she had chased Cllr Wright re the paint for the benches. The Clerk also advised that the Horticultural Society had said that they were disbanding and would like to place a bench somewhere in the village with some of the funds they have left. The Committee felt that the only place that a bench could be placed was in the Recreation Ground at the Station Road end. Cllr Anderson said they could help with the tree swap on the Recreation Ground if they wanted an alternative. **It was resolved for the Clerk to offer these recommendations.**

- (g) **Dog waste bins/sponsorship –**
The Clerk advised that she still needed to speak with Mill House and would try and achieve this week. **It was resolved for the Clerk to undertake.**
- (h) **Footpaths and Walkways**
Nothing to report.
- (i) **Tree Warden**
The Clerk advised that the flag was the correct size for the pole. Cllr Anderson said that the area around where Mr Yeoman's had removed the Willow Tree was not left in good condition. **It was resolved for the Clerk to get Mr Lee to tidy the area up.** Cllr Anderson advised that he had written an article for Village Voice re work on trees in a Conservation area.
- (j) **General Village Environment –**
Nothing to report.

891 The Warren

Cllr Anderson said that he did not realise that there would be a charge for the water. **It was resolved for the Clerk to check.** The Clerk reported that she had asked for another quote for the bridge. **It was resolved for the Clerk to ask for sketches from the contractors.**

892 Correspondence –
None received.

893 Items for inclusion at next meeting –
Same agenda omitting grasscutting contract and precept.

894 Date, time and venue of next meeting
Monday 13 February 2017 at 7.15pm in the Council Offices.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 20.25pm.