

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
held on Monday 13 February 2017 at 7.15pm
at Council Offices, Post Office Road

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

In Attendance: B/Cllr Bubb, Cllr C Shepherd & The Clerk

895 Apologies

Everyone present

896 Declarations of Interest

None received.

897 Minutes of meeting of 16 January 2017

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

898 Matters Arising

Edinburgh Way

(882) (867) (852) (838) (824) (806) (793) (780) (765) (752) (739) The Clerk advised that there was a meeting with Cllr Payne, Borough Councillor Collingham and herself and it was agreed to get the Sports Field addressed first and a letter signed by Cllr Payne and Cllr Collingham to Mr Stanton re the area he is responsible for. The Clerk to obtain quotes to get the work undertaken. **It was resolved for this item to be placed on the next Full Council agenda.**

Rangers

(883) Cllr Anderson advised that he was unable to remove the wood around the tree. **It was resolved for the Clerk to instruct Mr Lee to remove.**

Areas of Responsibility

(890) The Gables, Cllr Bubb had spoken with The Gables and they advised that they would try to move the light downwards. Cllr Bubb advised that they moved it a little but not the right way. Cllr Bubb to leave until the Autumn and speak with them again.

899 Rangers

Nothing to add to the list at this present time.

900 Parish Partnership Scheme

The Clerk reported that nothing had been received as yet.

901 Major Emergency Plan

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

902 Current Financial Position

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

903 Actions Outstanding.

Items will be reported under Areas of Responsibility.

904 Areas of Responsibility

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

Nothing to report.

(b) **Streetlights**

Cllr Anderson had spoken to K & M regarding moving the direction of the lights in Centre Vale and they agreed to check when next in the village.

(c) **Grasscutting**

See under Grasscutting Contract.

(d) **Cleaning**

Nothing to report.

(e) **Litter bins**

Cllr Anderson advised that the new litter bin by Woodside Close is good and sturdy.

(f) **Seats and Benches**

The Clerk advised that Mr English now has the paint for the benches. Cllr Anderson thought that Kurust or similar needed to be placed prior to the paint even though the paint does not require a primer. **It was resolved for the Clerk to speak with Mr English over this.** The Clerk advised the Horticultural Group had agreed to purchase the bench on the Recreation Ground and were also looking to purchase the new trees to replace the Trees of Heaven.

(g) **Dog waste bins/sponsorship –**

The Clerk was still waiting for Mill House to see if they wished to swop.

(h) **Footpaths and Walkways**

Cllr Bubb advised that the path from Centre Vale to the Pastures needed re surfacing again. Cllr Hathaway said that the path between St Cecelia's and Gelham Manor also needs attention again. **It was resolved for the Clerk to get these addressed.**

The Clerk advised that she had received a call from a Parishioner regarding a bike being ridden fast down this footpath and nearly hit an elderly gentleman. **It was resolved for the Clerk to obtain a quote to put L shaped barriers at the Mountbatten Road End.**

(i) **Tree Warden**

Nothing to report.

(j) **General Village Environment –
Doddshill Road**

The Clerk advised that she had received a letter from a resident in Doddshill Road regarding an accident where a car had gone through a wall. The Parishioner was asking for the Council to ask the powers that be to

make the road one-way before someone gets seriously hurt. This had been discussed over several years but there had been no recorded serious accident so the Police and County were unable to look at. **It was resolved for the Clerk to write and thank the lady for her letter and advise that the Council could not take any further action.**

Keep Britain Tidy

The Clerk advised that she had ordered the equipment for the 3 March and to be collected along with the rubbish on the 6 March. **It was resolved for Cllr Anderson to decide if attention be on one area or a general village clean.**

905 The Warren

The Clerk advised that Mr Penty had agreed to provide the hose for the standpipe. Cllr Anderson said that he needed the pressure of the water to enable him to work out how long it would take so that a rota could be achieved to guard the filling up. **It was resolved for the Clerk to contact Anglian Water and obtain this information.** The Clerk advised that Cllr Davey had advised that the Bun around the pond needs moving to the other side and the gradient of the land made to flow into the pond. Cllr Anderson advised that he felt that the pond needed filling up first because if it was not going to be sustainable then the pond may need to be filled in as a last resort.

The Clerk handed round one sketch of the proposed bridge and was chasing the other two. The Clerk also advised that there seemed to be a lot of interest in the Warren and should the Council look at the other areas to be developed. Cllr Anderson agreed to work on the wild flower meadow by the by-pass.

906 Correspondence –

- a) Letter from Borough Council re grasscutting. **It was resolved to wait and see what the offer was.**
- b) Glasdon Leaflet.

907 Items for inclusion at next meeting –

Same agenda.

908 Date, time and venue of next meeting

Monday 13 March 2017 at 7.15pm in the Council Offices.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 20.21pm.