

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
held on Monday 11 July 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

803 Apologies

It was resolved to accept apologies from B/Cllr Bubb

804 Declarations of Interest

None received.

805 Minutes of meeting of 13 June 2016

It was resolved for the minutes to be signed by the Chair, as a true and accurate record after the following amendment. The tree to replace the Trees of Heaven on the Recreation Ground was Elm not Ash.

806 Matters Arising

Edinburgh Way

(793) (780) (765) (752) (739) The Clerk advised that she had received a quote to undertake the work but had not received anything back from Nathan Johnson regarding removing the spoil. The Clerk advised that it was possibly better to wait until after the school holiday before undertaking. **It was resolved for the Clerk to email & Chase Nathan Johnson.**

807 Rangers

Cllr Anderson advised that the drains by Horse Chestnut Trees the verge by the Green were blocked and also the drains on Shernborne Road by the Rectory were blocked with chipping from the latest road resurface. Cllr Hathaway said the two drains in Chapel Road near Ashdene Guest House. **It was resolved for the Clerk to add these to the Ranger List.** The Clerk also advised that she had added the ditch and pavement on Sandringham Road.

808 Parish Partnership Scheme

The Clerk advised that she had a meeting with Sally Bettinson, Highway Engineer and had gone through the two proposals. The first one being the hard standing at the two bus stops in Station Road. Ms Bettinson had come back via email and agreed that one could be achieved and the other one did not need to be done. The Committee looked at the photographs and realised that Ms Bettinson had a different bus stop the committee were talking about the one on the corner of Pansy and Mountbatten. **It was resolved for the Clerk to ask Ms Bettinson to look at this other stop.** The other proposal was the crossing from the Doctors to the Church Hall and the possible bus stop at the new Village Hall Entrance. Ms Bettinson said that it would need all sorts of surveys for safety and usage and felt that a better position for the bus stop was outside the Tithe Barn and on the opposite site of the road taking part of the verge. This is around a five-year project. The Committee to give this more thought.

809 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.**

810 Current Financial Position

The Clerk handed round the budget sheets for Environment and The Warren. The Accounts were found to be all in order. The Clerk said that she had the bill in for the leaflet for the Silica Sand. After discussion **It was resolved for the bill to be paid out of the General Maintenance budget.**

811 Actions Outstanding.

Items will be reported under Areas of Responsibility.

812 Areas of Responsibility

(a) Bus Shelters/Bus Stop

The Clerk has placed the order for the new bus stop post and she had received one quote for the painting of the brick bus shelters. **It was resolved for the Clerk to chase the other quote.**

(b) Streetlights

The Clerk advised that she had placed the order for the new LED bulbs in Clayton Close. Cllr Hathaway said that the streetlight outside 4A Chapel Road was not working. **It was resolved for the Clerk to report.**

(c) Grasscutting

Cllr Anderson advised that the footpath between the Recreation Ground and the Allotments needs cutting and also the hedge trimming back. Mr Lee has already undertaken two of the three cuts booked for the year. **It was resolved for the Clerk to place an order for Mr Lee to complete an additional cut and to cut back the hedge.**

(d) Cleaning

Nothing to report.

(e) Litter bins

Cllr Anderson reported that the small litter bin at the top of Woodside Avenue was falling apart it has split on a joint. **It was resolved for the Clerk to obtain a quote to replace.**

(f) Seats and Benches

The Clerk advised that she was still waiting for the quotes for the slats for the bench outside the Church Hall. Cllr Anderson had checked Malcolm's bench and the back also needs slatting. **It was resolved for the Clerk to chase the quotes.**

(g) Dog waste bins/sponsorship –

It was resolved for the Clerk to check when the Sponsorship was due. Cllr Hathaway asked when the Sports Ground Management Committee was putting up the new signs the Council brought them. **It was resolved for the Clerk to ask at their next meeting.**

(h) **Footpaths and Walkways**

The Clerk advised that she had received several reports from one Parishioner regarding Sugar Lane. NCC Highways had agreed to undertake. Cllr Hathaway said that the Task Force are due to undertake on Wednesday. Cllr Hathaway said that the Task Force had just spent three sessions on the pathway from Station Road to Philip Nurse Road.

(i) **Tree Warden**

Cllr Anderson reported that the Willow in Burma Close looked dead. **It was resolved for the Clerk to arrange a quote to remove and make the area tidy.**

Cllr Anderson said that as previously stated the minutes are incorrect and should read Elm not Ash to replace the Trees of Heaven on the Recreation Ground. **It was resolved for the Clerk to obtain quotes to remove the trees and replacement costs.**

The Clerk advised that she had an email from a lady asking when the Conifers around the Pill Box would be cut back taking into account nesting birds etc. After a discussion regarding removing the trees altogether. **It was resolved for the Clerk to get Mr Lee to cut down to the top of the Pill Box in the Autumn.**

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

Cllr Hathaway reported that a Parishioner had emailed her and said that there was a large pot hole in front of the Church that needed repair and perhaps NCC Highways would like to repair with their new machine advertised in Your Council magazine recently received. **It was resolved for the Clerk to report to Highways.**

Station Road

The Clerk reported that she had received an email asking that a no through road signs at the top of Station Road as large lorries get to the bottom and realise their Sat Nav has sent them wrong and they have to try and turn round. **It was resolved for the Clerk to ask NCC if this would be possible.**

813 The Warren

Cllr Anderson went through the planting scheme that he had worked on and said that he was waiting for the quote from Pond UK as he could not get onto their website because he did not have a pass code. The Clerk reported she had received lots of complaints about the state of the pond and how it was a waste of money and when are we going to get the bridge which will be useful. **It was resolved for the Clerk to obtain a quote for a metal bridge to go up near the houses.**

Cllr Manship advised that Wolverton has advised some time ago that they were willing to give us their unwanted trees. **It was resolved for the Clerk to check this out.**

- 814 Correspondence –**
Brochure from Broxap
Brochure from Glasdon

All other Correspondence dealt with under agenda items.

- 815 Items for inclusion at next meeting –**
Same agenda

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

With no further business the meeting was closed at 20.20pm.