

**Notes of the Environment Committee Working Party Meeting
held on Monday 11 January 2022 at 7.00pm
Via Zoom**

Present: Cllr R Frost, Cllr C Shepherd, Cllr J Stokes, Cllr A Watkins, Cllr R Anderson & Cllr B Anderson.

In Attendance The Clerk

EN42 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Bubb

EN43 Declarations of Interest

None received.

EN44 Notes of the Environment Working Party Meeting held on the 6 December 2021. It was resolved that the notes to be signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

EN45 Matters Arising

Action List 6 December 2021

Cllr Frost went through the actions points from the December Meeting.

Cllr Shepherd

- Organise painting War Memorial Railings. *This will have to wait until warmer weather.*
- Write piece on Tree planting for Facebook and get to the Clerk. *Achieved*
- Check out Willow Tree. *Achieved*
- Write back to the Parishioner with answers to his four questions. *Achieved.*
- Get Concrete Streetlight Column numbers to the Clerk *Achieved.*
- Obtain list of Honey Fugus resistant trees for next meeting. *Cllr Shepherd advised that she had printed the list and would present at the next meeting.*
- Go back to Canvas re Top Soil. *Cllr Shepherd advised that she still need to undertake.*

Cllr R Anderson

- Report on Five Year Plan for next meeting. *Cllr Anderson had achieved and draft report produced.*

Cllr Bubb

- Check Ranger Work? On Sandringham/Doddshill Road and report. *Cllr Shepherd advised that Cllr Bubb said that the pavement had been cleared.*

Clerk

- Chase NCC Footpaths Officer regarding the footpath by Semba. *The Clerk advised that she had emailed Mr Mills and he would add it to his list.*
- Obtain quotes from Window Cleaners re bus shelters *The Clerk advised that she had gone out to 5/6 companies regarding the bus shelters including the ones given to her by Councillors. She still had only received one quote. The Clerk to continue to chase.*
- Obtain quotes for self closuers on the Recreation Ground. *The Clerk had sent round a company that sells the self-closurers and she would ask if Mr English was able to fit. Cllr Shepherd advised that they were not easy to get set up correctly and felt a firm to supply and fit was necessary. **The Clerk to try and find firm to undertake.***
- Sponsored Dog Bins check and replace any worn out stickers. *The Clerk advised that she was still waiting for more stickers or artwork from one of the sponsors.*

- Put tree planting piece from Cllr C Shepherd on to the Facebook Page. *Achieved.*
- Amend Budgets/Transfer Litter bin monies *Achieved.*
- Organise Bank Road meeting. *The Clerk advised that she was waiting for this meeting and had not organised with Covid figures so high. **The Clerk to arrange for the 5 February 2022 at 10:00am.***
- Obtain quote to replace the five concrete columns *The Clerk advised that she had asked and she would chase.*
- Report tree down on Hipkin Road near Wicklewood *Achieved.*
- Check out what substantial trees are available. *The Clerk advised that Barsham's could only offer White Beam, Mountain Ash, English Yew or White Willow. **Cllr Shepherd to check***
- Check re painting of Sub Station Earls Close *The Clerk had spoken to UKPowernetwork and they are going to come out and survey.*

EN46 Current Financial Position

The Clerk advised that she had sent round the paperwork prior to the meeting. The 2022/23 budget figures were checked. The Clerk advised that the streetlight energy charges had gone up as much as 60% for other councils. Cllr Shepherd advised that the Dersingham Centre's electricity had gone up 70% when they recently renewed. The Clerk advised that she had not heard back from the current supplier regarding a quote when the contract finishes later this year but was advised that the cap is due to be released in March/April so they would be reluctant until then.

EN47 Areas of Responsibility

- a. Bus shelters/Stops.** See action points
- b. Streetlights.** The Clerk advised that the new columns in Clayton Close and Pansey Drive were due to be connected by the 20 January 2022.
- f. Seats & benches.** The Clerk advised that the bench outside Dersingham Centre had been sanded and repainted.
- I. Tree Warden.** Cllr B Anderson advised that he looked at a tree in Crisp Close after it was reported to him and he believes that one of the branches is dead and should be removed. He also advised that some Silver Birch trees needed remedial work. **Cllr Frost agreed to go and look as a specification was needed before we could go out for quotes.**
- J. General village environment** Cllr Watkins advised that the pavement in Glebe Road still had not been repaired and was a trip hazard. The Clerk advised that it had been checked by NCC Highways and it was programmed. **The Clerk to check if it has been programmed.**

EN48 The Warren

Cllr Stokes said that he had been down a couple of days ago and the new trees were looking good. An email had been received with concerns regarding the planting of an oak tree. Cllr Shepherd assured the meeting that a lot of thought had gone into the position and planting of this tree and it would be fine. Cllr Shepherd advised that the grass would need to be strimmed around the trees. **The Clerk to check with the contractor the cost of undertaking.** Cllr Shepherd advised that 420 trees had been planted in 3 hours which worked out to one tree every 27 seconds. An email had been received regarding horse riding on the Warren there is nothing to stop horses being ridden on the Warren.

EN49 Recreation area

- a) Review of Cleaning.** It was agreed to continue.
- b) Five Year Plan.** Cllr R Anderson presented a draft five year plan report along with plan etc. Cllr Shepherd asked for parishioners needs/wants to be wishes, a sentence to be put in regarding the sportground and muga for organised sports. Cllr Anderson advised

that he would like some help with suitable wording around the 3 sections dog park, parking area and funding. **Cllr Shepherd agreed to write something and get to Cllr Anderson.** Cllr Anderson said that he would pass the document over to the committee after these amendments had been made and would call it Five Year Plan (1). Cllr Frost felt that a separate meeting was needed to go over the plan and work a way forward. A date of the 1 February was set.

- c) **Christmas Lights** Cllr R Anderson asked if he should take the lights away now and store them at the Dersingham Centre. **Cllr Anderson to undertake.**

EN50 War Memorial & War Memorial Gardens

The area is looking good and the contractor is undertake a good job.

EN51 Skatepark.

- a) **Bank Road Parking/Signage.** Clerk to set meeting for 5 February 2022 at 10:00am.

EN52 Climate Change

Cllr Anderson gave the follow report:

Climate Change Working Party recommends ceasing the use of laminated plastic for the display of notices in the Council's noticeboards as a means of reducing plastic pollution.

Climate Change Working Party recommends that a professional survey be carried out on the PV panels on the roof of the DVC in order to realise their full generating potential.

EN53 Rangers

Nothing to report.

EN54 The Queen's Green Canopy

Cllr Shepherd advised that she would check out the specimen trees and see if Barchams had anything different than the Clerk advised.

EN55 Correspondence –

- a) Letter from Parishioner regarding Shernborne Road. Cllr Shepherd advised that Cllr Noble had also brought up this subject recently. The Clerk advised that she had sent it through to NCC Highways who had advised that it is down to the Police to check the speeds etc and report back if they feel that some kind of survey needs to be undertaken. **The Clerk to write back to parishioner and advise.**
- b) Letter from Parishioner regarding The Drift. Cllr Shepherd advised that she had acknowledged the letter which had been sent to her and Cllr Frost. Cllr Shepherd has spoken to the Footpaths Officer and had sent photographs including the new fence and side concrete surface. The Footpaths Officer advised that he would send to the Highway Boundary Team. Cllr Shepherd copied the Parishioner into the email so that the parishioner has the relevant email address to chase if necessary.

EN56 Items for inclusion at next Meeting

Hedgehog – Care - Fostering. Cllr Watkins asked when the signs would be place and would the Council mind them being used on the Hedgehog Rescue Facebook page run by Veterinary Nurse. The Clerk advised that she had been told that a couple would replace the school signs as the Saxon Way site was no longer in use. Cllr Shepherd said that Cllr Watkins should write a piece for Village Voice which could be used on the facebook page, website, press etc in conjunction with the Hedgehog Rescue. **Cllr Watkins to write a piece on her fostering and the rescue including the signs etc.**

EN57 Items for Facebook

Nothing currently.

EN58 Date, time, and venue of next meeting

Tuesday 1 February 2022 at 7.00pm venue/zoom to be decided.

Monday 8 February 2022 at 7.00pm venue/zoom to be decided.

Cllr Shepherd asked if the meeting could go to the Monday so that Cllr Bubb could attend as he was at Village Voice Live tonight. **Cllr Shepherd to ask the Finance Working Group if they would mind swopping nights.**

With no further business the meeting was closed at 20:13pm.

ACTION LIST**Cllr Shepherd**

- Organise painting War Memorial Railings
- Obtain list of Honey Fugus resistant trees for next meeting
- Go back to Canvas re Top Soil.
- Check out substantial trees re Queen Green Canopy
- Write something for the 3 sections of the Five Year Plan for the Recreation Ground for Cllr Anderson.

Cllr R Anderson

- Make suggested amendments on Five Year Plan.
- Remove Christmas lights and take to store in Dersingham Centre.

Cllr Frost

- Look at trees on Crisp/Earl Close.

Cllr Watkins

- Write a piece for the Village Voice etc regarding Hedgehog Fostering etc.

Clerk

- Chase quotes from Window Cleaners re bus shelters
- Obtain quotes for self closuers on the Recreation Ground for a firm to undertake.
- Sponsored Dog Bins check and replace any worn out stickers.
- Organise Bank Road meeting for the 5 February at 10:00am
- Organise Special Meeting to discuss 5 year plan for Recreation Ground 1 February 7.00pm..
- Chase quote to replace the five concrete columns
- Check if Glebe Road surface has been programmed.
- Obtain quote for Strimming around new trees on the Warren.
- Write to Parishioner re Shernborne Road with update.