

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
held on Monday 14 September 2015 at 7.00pm
at Council Offices, Post Office Road

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

In Attendance: Borough Cllr A Bubb & The Clerk

654 Apologies

Everyone Present.

655 Declarations of Interest

None received.

656 Minutes of meeting of 13 July 2015

It was resolved for the minutes to be signed by the Chair, as a true and accurate record after the following amendment Cllr Tony Bubb was present at the last meeting. 649 should read Coast Hopper.

657 Matters Arising

Everything covered on the agenda.

658 Rangers

Cllr Anderson advised that the drain on the corner of Chapel Road has not been attended to yet. The Clerk advised that NC Highways had informed her that it was programmed.

Cllr Hathaway advised that Cllr Hobson had said that the bottom of Park Hill needs to be tidied up. Cllr Hathaway asked for this to be placed on the next Ranger list. Cllr Hathaway said that Cllr Hobson had also advised that the ivy on the corner of Woodside Close was causing visibility issues. Cllr Bubb said that he uses that corner regularly and had not had any visibility problems. Cllr Anderson said that he walked it regularly and again no problem. It was resolved to this to be monitored.

Cllr Bubb advised that the footpath between Old Hall Drive and the Pastures is overgrown and the weeds are coming up the sides through the edges of the tarmac. **It was resolved for the Clerk to report to NCC Highways.**

The Clerk advised that there had been a couple of complaints regarding the new trod put in by the Parish Partnership Scheme. The reports that the banks needs to be angled more and the actual surface is very uneven and difficult to walk on. The Clerk advised that she had contact NCC Highways on this and they had agreed to roll the path again and have a look at the banks and the spoil.

The Clerk also advised that she had received an email from the residents at the top of Doodshill Road thanking the Council for the bollards, which had been achieved also by the Partnership Scheme.

659 Major Emergency Plan

The Clerk had pulled off the template document on a community emergency plan. **It was resolved for the Clerk to email electronically to the committee.**

660 Current Financial Position

The Clerk handed round the budget sheets for Environment and The Warren. Cllr Bubb asked if there was anyway the dog sponsorship was shown to be offset with the emptying of the bins. The Clerk advised that all budgets for all committees were set so that the income and expenditure were separate and one needed to be taken from the other. Cllr Anderson said that best way is for him to mention in his report to Full Council and the Annual Parish Council Meeting. The Accounts were found to be all in order.

661 Contracts

Cleaning Contract

Cllr Anderson had looked over the contract again and had taken out the items that were not feasible eg the cleaning and tidying of the War Memorial Area and the shingle in the playground. Cllr Anderson was proposing adding the cleaning of all bus shelters, and noticeboards on a three-monthly basis. There was also some discussion regarding the Tree of Heaven suckers. The Clerk said that if the trees are not native, are causing so much trouble, and would continue to get worse should the trees be removed and a native species planted in their places. Cllr Anderson said that he had also been thinking on those lines and would like to plant Elm (Autumn Gold) in their places. This Elm is proving to stand up well to Dutch elm disease. **It was resolved for Cllr Anderson to write to Cllr Davey and put this proposal forward and also giving details of the quotes to get the crowns lifted on the Recreation Trees etc.** Cllr Hathaway asked if the cleaning of the benches could be added to the cleaning contract.

662 Partnership Scheme

Please see item 658. Cllr Bubb asked if a letter had been received from Heath Road. The Clerk advised that nothing had been received.

663 Streetlights – Orchard Close

Cllr Anderson said that now the earmarked reserves have been sorted we could get the changing of the lights in Orchard Close underway. Cllr Anderson explained that it was first thought that the lights were a hotch potch of 60w SON and 65w SOX but Cllr Anderson had previously confirmed that they were in fact all 35w SOX the same as the majority of lights in the village. **It was resolved for the Clerk to obtain quotes and photometric plots for Orchard Close replacement with LED's.**

664 Actions Outstanding.

Items will be reported under Areas of Responsibility.

665 Areas of Responsibility

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

Cllr Anderson still has not been able to contact Elizabeth Fiddick. **It was resolved for Cllr Anderson to continue to try and get hold of Elizabeth Fiddick.** Cllr Broughton said that she knew a lady who had lived in the village all her life and she would ask her.

Cllr Anderson advised that the no11 was being brought back but no timetables have been released as yet. This was due out on the 12 October.

Cllr Bubb felt that the bus shelters could do with a lick of paint. Cllr Hathaway had previously asked that students at Smithdon be allowed to

paint a mural on the inside of the brick shelters. Cllr Anderson said that he had contacted Smithdon over this but never received a reply.

The Clerk advised that the Borough Council were trying to relocate the bus shelters taken from the King's Lynn Bus Station with their recent refurb. Cllr Payne had told the Clerk that a new bus stop was to be placed outside the new Dersingham Centre and how it would be nice to have a bus shelter outside but how would the Council store a large bus shelter until the centre was built and the bus stop in place.

(b) **Streetlights**

Cllr Hathaway asked when the light would be replaced in Clayton Close. The Clerk checked and the order was placed with Amey on the 16 February. **It was resolved for the Clerk to chase.**

(c) **Grasscutting**

The Clerk had received a visitor to the office this week of a man that lives in Viceroy Close who is moving and wanted the Clerk to put in writing to his Solicitor that the Parish Council were responsible for the up keep of the bank in Broadlands Close. **It was resolved for the Clerk to ask the gentleman to get his Solicitor to put it in writing what he actually requires with a plan etc.**

(d) **Cleaning**

Nothing to report.

(e) **Litter bins**

Nathan Johnson of the Borough Council had advised Cllr Bubb that he would look into replacing the broken catch on the litterbin. **It was resolved for the Cllr Bubb to take up with the Borough Council again if the repair has not been completed.**

(f) **Seats and Benches**

Cllr Anderson advised that he had spoken to Ms Murray re the bench and Ms Murray understood the position.

(g) **Dog waste bins/sponsorship –**

New stickers have not been received. **It was resolved for Cllr Anderson to chase the new stickers.**

The Clerk had sent round some proposed signs for dog fouling on the Sport Ground. Cllr Hathaway had also sent in some wording. **It was resolved for the Clerk to check out the wording etc with the Sports Ground Management Committee next week.**

The Clerk advised that the letters had been sent regarding the dog bin on the common owned by Dersingham United Charities and no one had objected. **It was resolved for the Clerk to apply for the Licence from the Borough Council.**

(h) **Footpaths and Walkways**

The Clerk advised the Committee had she had received an email from a gentleman saying that he was not happy with the state of the footpaths that run from Dersingham to Ingoldisthorpe because there were tree

trunks blocking the route and the area was full of dog poo from non-responsible dog owners. The Gentleman had agreed to spray the dog poo if the Council purchased the biodegradable paint. **It was resolved for the Clerk to purchase a couple of cans and for the gentleman to mark the poo on the Dersingham half of the footpath.**

(i) **Tree Warden**

Cllr Anderson had contacted Mr Fisher regarding the lime tree in the war memorial and Mr Fisher had agreed to take further.

The Clerk advised that a gentleman had attended the office saying he was new to the village and he was concerned about some silver birch trees that needed attention around an electricity sub-station at the back of Lynn Road. Cllr Hathaway and Cllr Anderson had looked at the site and could not see anything wrong with the trees etc. but he would get Mr Yeoman's to check. **It was resolved for the Clerk to write to the gentleman and explain the situation.**

(j) **General Village Environment –
Hunstanton Road Sign**

Cllr Hathaway reported that the street sign for Hunstanton Road was broken and being held up by a fire hydrant post. **It was resolved for the Clerk to write to Mr Copeland and the Borough Council and report.**

Willow Arch

The Clerk advised that Cllr Payne had asked her to ask Cllr Hathaway what was happening regarding the willow arch for the playground. Cllr Hathaway said that she had researched and given the information to Cllr Payne and Cllr Hathaway thought that this was down to the Recreation Committee not Environment.

666 The Warren

Cllr Anderson advised that only one person was prepared to quote re a liner for the newly dug pond. The quote was around £12,000 and may go up as much as £15,000. He also wanted to use his own digger driver etc which was £4,000. **It was resolved that this was a large amount with only one quote and the Clerk to try and obtain more quotes. It was also resolved for the Clerk to ask Kevin Penty if he would be prepared to line the pond out with clay.**

Cllr Hathaway advised that there was a training session including ponds at Swaffham on the 26 September between 10.00 and 15.00.

667 Correspondence –

- a) Freedom of Information Act. The Clerk advised that she had checked regarding the Recreation Ground and nothing is used on the grass. **It was resolved for the Clerk to reply on the forum site saying that nothing is used.**
- b) Letter from TTSR ground maintenance. **It was resolved for this to be passed on to the Recreation Committee as it was regarding Christmas Lights.**
- c) Broxap leaflet.

668 Items for inclusion at next meeting –
Same agenda items.

669 Date, time and venue of next meeting
Monday 12 October 2015 at 7.00pm in the Council Offices.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 9.12pm.