

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON
TUESDAY 18th JULY 2017 AT MILLFIELDS PAVILION AT 7.00 PM.**

PRESENT:

Cllr C Border
Cllr A Holloway
Cllr A Whyte (chairman)
Cllr M Williamson
Cllr C Pearce
Cllr G Norman
Mrs A Jackson (Assistant to the Parish Clerk)

13. To receive Apologies for Absence.
Cllr J Neish
14. To Receive Declarations of Interest relating to items on the agenda.
None
15. To approve Minutes of Meeting held on 16th May 2017.
Resolved: That the minutes be signed as a true and correct record. All in favour (Prop Cllr Holloway, 2nd Cllr Pearce)
16. To receive a presentation from the Rural Community Energy Fund.
Councillors received a presentation from the Rural Community Energy Fund and have decided not to proceed due to the unsuitability of the Millfields site.
They were asked to pass the details to the Village Hall Trust and provide contact details to Carbon Smart.
17. To receive an update on the possible project to improve the woodland area.
The school has provided a 'wish list' for equipment they would like to improve the woodland area.
Cllr Williamson commented that there should not be anything permanent put in place.
Resolved: Proposed that the Clerk apply for a grant on their behalf from Mick George. All in favour (Prop Cllr Whyte, 2nd Cllr Holloway)
18. Christmas Tree 2017
 - (i) To receive an update on plans for the event.
Clerk to request the Chairman to switch on the lights.
Cllr Williamson will contact the Church Choir to request their attendance and carol sheets.
Cllr Pearce will make contact with a potential Santa.
19. Allotments
 - (i) To consider request for trees to be cut back plot 24b.
Resolved: To review the request in the autumn. All in favour (Prop Cllr Whyte, 2nd Cllr Williamson)
 - (ii) To note the results of the garden plot competition.
Cllr Whyte confirmed that Cllr Holloway and Cllr Whyte had congratulated tenants on the high standard and that the decision had been very difficult.
Winners – full plot- 1st Plot 11
2nd Plot 3
Winners– half plot- 1st Plot 19a
2nd Plot 23a

Noted
 - (iii) To approve interim judging of the allotment plots.
Resolved: To carry out regular checks and mark each garden plot at each check.
All in favour (Prop Cllr Holloway, 2nd Cllr Whyte)
20. Trees
 - (i) To approve felling of tree, Common Land Holywell

Resolved: To approve the felling of the tree, once the Clerk has confirmed it is on the Common Land. All in favour (Prop Cllr Whyte, 2nd Cllr Pearce)

(ii) To consider request for tree work Overcote Lane playing field.

Resolved: For the Clerk to get a quote for the tree work on the cherry tree, sycamore tree and to include the tree at the entrance to the Village Hall car park to cut it back from the light. All in favour (Prop Cllr Pearce, 2nd Cllr Pearce)

21. Items to report

- Cllr Border commented that she had walked around the Falklands and cut back to allow for wheelchair access.
- Cllr Pearce informed the Councillors that he had authorised a payment of approx. £1,300 for the repair of the tractor.
- Cllr Holloway commented that the trailing blackberries in Millfields car park need to be cut back urgently.

22. To note date of next meeting – Tuesday 19th September 2017.

Noted

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Chairman

Date