

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON
TUESDAY 17th JANUARY 2023 AT 7.40PM AT MILLFIELDS PAVILION**

PRESENT:

Cllr A Whyte (Chairman)
Cllr D Jackson
Cllr S Martin
Cllr E McNeill
Cllr S Mortlock
Cllr J Neish
Cllr C Pearce
Cllr D Peart

IN ATTENDANCE:

Miss J Bowd (Parish Clerk)
There were no members of the public

23. To receive Apologies for Absence.

None

24. To Receive Declarations of Interest relating to items on the agenda.

None

25. To approve Minutes of Meeting held on 15th November 2022

Resolved: That with the correction of minor spelling errors the minutes be signed as a true and correct record (Prop Cllr Pearce, 2nd Cllr Martin) All in favour, abstentions.

26. Common Land Holywell Front

- (i) To receive an update on measures to prevent parking and subsequent related matters.
A report of the meeting held with CCC Highways Officer, CCC Cllr K Reynolds, Cllr Whyte, Cllr Peart and Clerk on 5th January 2023 had been provided.
Await maps from CCC prior to opening consultation with Environment Agency, HDC and residents.
- (ii) To approve replanting of area adjacent to Flagholme gateway.
Members were reminded by the Chairman that this area was planted last year but the plants failed due to dry weather conditions.
He spoke to say that if the intention is to preserve the area and prevent parking then a larger tree and stake should be used.
Resolved: That the replanting of area adjacent to Flagholme gateway be approved. Cllr Whyte to research cost of tree and stake for approval by full Council (Prop Cllr McNeill, 2nd Cllr Mortlock) All in favour.
- (iii) To approve replacement of mooring signs outside of The Ferryboat.
Clerk advised that the signs in question face the river to advise of mooring restrictions and are supported by the Environment Agency. The existing signs are faded and difficult to read.
Resolved: That the replacement of mooring signs outside of The Ferryboat be approved. (Prop Cllr Pearce, 2nd Cllr McNeill) All in favour.

27. To consider quotes for production of a woodland management plan.

Cllr McNeill spoke to say that she has met with Mr Baker from the Wildlife trust and discussed the matter at great length.

Cllr Whyte confirmed that there was no provision in the budget for this project but that allocated reserves for tree works were £10800.00

Resolved: That the quote from wildlife trust of £800 plus VAT be accepted subject to ratification by full Council payment to be made from allocated reserves. (Prop Cllr McNeill, 2nd Cllr Neish) All in favour.

28. To consider request from Needingworth guides for land to plant 20 whips and agree a suitable location.

Cllr Martin suggested that the area on Holywell Front behind any tree planted by Council may be a location.

She also suggested the land behind Bramley Avenue which is owned by CCC.

It was agreed to liaise with Guides and take matter back to next Council meeting.

29. Garden Plots

- (i) To review correspondence relating to trip hazards on plots and agree solution.

Cllr McNeill spoke to say that she had spoken to the tenant of plot 17 and that it was not disputed that the paths have been created from this plot. The tenant agrees that the neighbouring tenant can use the path but must not encroach upon her plot.

Cllr Pearce spoke to say that all tenants need to get on and that they should sort these matters out amicably amongst themselves.

Resolved: That tenant of plot 17 be told to remove the rope. Tenant of neighbouring plot to be advised that they are not to encroach onto plot 17. (Prop Cllr Pearce 2nd Cllr Whyte) 7 in favour 1 abstention.

- (ii) To note email relating to footprints on plots and agree any actions.

Clerk to write to Headmaster to request that parents are asked to use the footpath not the paths through the cemetery and allotments.

Noted

30. To note the latest update form the Ouse Valley Trust.

Noted

31. To approve the purchase of 3 replacement bird boxes.

Resolved: That the purchase of 3 replacement bird boxes and 3 brass plates be approved. Cost £61.00 (Prop Cllr Whyte, 2nd Cllr McNeill) All in favour.

32. To approve participation in "Stop the Spread" campaign as requested by resident.

Clerk advised of the official sign.

Cllr Mortlock supported the campaign but would like to see sign installed on an existing post at Holywell Front to prevent more posts.

Cllr Neish considered this to be a big issue that Council should support. Likewise, he did not want to see another post.

Resolved: That the participation in "Stop the Spread" campaign as requested by resident be approved. (Prop Cllr Mortlock, 2nd Cllr Neish) All in favour.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.13pm.

Chairman

Date