

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT NEW WALTHAM COMMUNITY PAVILION, ST CLEMENTS WAY ON MONDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2016 AT 8.00 PM.

Present: Cllr. Williams (Chairman)
Cllrs. Baxter, Mumby and Simpson

Apologies: Cllr. Breed

There were no others present

16/15E Acceptance of Apologies

Received from cllr. Breed due to holidays – accepted.

RESOLVED: That apologies be received and accepted

Chairman welcomed Cllr. Baxter to the Committee.

16/16E Declarations of Interest – Code of Conduct 2012

None made.

16/17E Priors Green- to consider future plans and agree any actions

Agreed that formal letter be sent to Creative Nature asking for definitive date for replanting of saplings etc. and asking to confirm timescales etc. If not, then advise the PC will look to an alternative contractor to carry out the works. Agreed that Cllr. Simpson would deliver letters produced by the Clerk to adjacent/close by residents to see if Friends Group could be reinstated with new members etc. Agreed that the number of volunteers be matched by Council members.

Stile would be installed when Chairman had confirmed to contractor the exact location.

Agreed that the footpath through to Scouts lane should remain closed off as per the developer's actions.

Agreed that Clerk contact Head of Enfield Primary to see if a project to build and put up bat and bird boxes is feasible.

Clerk also to obtain prices for Information Board via Signs Express and report back with costings etc.

Also agreed that a bird 'hide' might be feasible and this would be investigated further.

RESOLVED: That all above actions be progressed as agreed

16/18E To consider and agree formal set routes and schedules for village litter picker

Agreed that there should be two formal schedules – one for term-time and one for non-term-time. These should also be reviewed at least once each year. Chairman advised he would produce two draft schedules and these would be presented at the December 2016 Council meeting.

RESOLVED: That a proposed schedule be discussed at December council meeting.

16/19E To discuss consideration by NELC to cut back on road sweeping and agree any actions

It was agreed that it might be feasible for NWPC to liaise with Humberston and Waltham PC's to ask if NELC would consider donating any discarded street sweeping machines for use by the Parish Councils as a joint venture. Clerk to make initial enquiries of NELC to see if this would be feasible. Clerk intimated she thought Humberston PC might be receptive to such a project.

RESOLVED: That Clerk make initial enquiries of NELC regarding redundant road sweeping machinery

16/20E **To consider the condition of the land near the entrance to the Spar Shop and agree any actions**

Clerk to write to Blakemores re the grass strip which has been churned up and is causing a safety issue for pedestrians to cross it. Suggest hardstanding for area would be easier to maintain.

RESOLVED: **That letter be sent to Blakemores as agreed**

16/21E **To receive update/report on CCTV and consider signs required and agree any actions**

Chairman advised that all cameras were now in place and only signs required now. Grounds Maintenance Contractor had been approached and he was happy to carry out minor works such as sign erection and it was agreed that this be done asap. Clerk would set up CCTV monitor on PC's computer so that it could be viewed and Police has access but at the moment are not logging into the system.

RESOLVED: **That contractor as agreed put up remaining CCTV signage as required.**

16/22E **To receive any future environmental issues within New Waltham for consideration at future Meeting**

Chairman reported on recent meeting attendance with ENGIE regarding Toll Bar roundabout improvements advising that ENGIE seemed set on scheme for traffic lights and had appeared to discard all other proposals.

Also discussed provision of cemetery land and Clerk to write to two local landowners asking if they had any suitable land for such a project.

16/23E **To agree date for next meeting**

Agreed for Monday 30th January 2017 at 8.00 pm.

Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm.

Signed: Date:
