

WHEATPIECES PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING: **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

DATE AND TIME: **Thursday 24th November 2016 at 7.15pm**

LOCATION: **Wheatpieces Community Centre**

PRESENT: Cllr. S Meredith, Cllr. C Reid, Cllr. W Sawkins,
Cllr. R Shyamapant, Cllr. J Taylor

IN ATTENDANCE: David Steels, Environmental Health Manager at
Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC),
Cllr. G Dwyer, Cllr. V. Hammond
T Shurmer (Clerk)

MINUTES

043/ENV PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present

046/ENV ENVIRONMENTAL WARDEN PROPOSAL

The Chairman brought this item forward on the agenda so that the Officer from TBC could leave the meeting following this item. David Steels, Environmental Health Manager at TBC was in attendance to discuss the proposal from TBC to form a partnership with Parish Councils to recruit and share costs of an Environmental Warden for a three year period. Mr Steels gave an update on the situation to date with an explanation of the proposal which is for the Warden to provide a service on top of the existing TBC service with additional powers. Mr Steels also answered questions from Parish Councillors in relation to this proposal which will be considered by the Parish Council at their forthcoming Full Council meeting scheduled for Thursday 1st December 2016.

044/ENV TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

045/ENV TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies

047/ENV TO APPROVE AND OTHERWISE DEAL WITH THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2016

An amendment to the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15th September 2016 was requested to omit the reference to the Woodland Walk in Members reports to read '*Members were advised that the footpath on a section of Foxglove Walk is inaccessible due to overgrown bushes and in need of cutting back*'. Following this amendment the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15th September 2016 were approved and adopted

Proposed: Cllr. Reid Seconded: Cllr. Taylor
Agreed

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SPORTS FIELD

- Five companies had been invited to tender for gang mowing on the field for the forthcoming season, March to October. Only one company had submitted a quotation for this, two companies had declined and the other two had not responded. Members agreed to defer this item until the next Environment Committee meeting.

Action: Clerk to seek further tenders for the gang mowing of the sports field

Action: Clerk to put on the next Environment Committee agenda 'To consider the tenders received for the Gang Mowing of the Sports Field in 2017 for recommendation of approval at Full Council'.

- An assessment of the sports field carried out by the Gloucestershire Playing Field Association (GPFA) had been circulated. The weeding and feeding of the field had been picked up in this assessment and Ubico have agreed to carry out a further weed and feed treatment at the end of the football season in April/May 2017.
- It was recommended that a monthly visual inspection is carried out on the field and Cllr. Meredith advised that he had requested the Community Centre Manager to carry out this task.

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CORRESPONDENCE

An e-mail had been received from Richard Waters of Gloucestershire Highways advising that two trees adjacent to nos. 11 and 23 Redwing Close are causing the paving blocks in the footway to become very uneven to the extent that they may start to pose a safety concern. Gloucestershire Highways tree expert has advised that both trees should be removed which they will arrange. The residents of the nos. 11 and 23 Redwing Close have been advised by the Parish Council accordingly.

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MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr. Meredith updated Members on the changeover of staffing at Centigen Facilities Management and that the maintenance of the verges should be completed shortly. Centigen Facilities Management have apologised for the delay in these works.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 19th January 2017 at 7.15pm

The meeting closed at 8.00pm