

WHEATPIECES PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
DATE AND TIME: Thursday 26th September 2019 at 7.00pm
LOCATION: Wheatpieces Community Centre
PRESENT: Cllr. Meredith, Cllr. Reid, Cllr. Pullen, Cllr. Shyamapant,
IN ATTENDANCE: 3 Members of the Public
T Shurmer (Clerk)

MINUTES

Cllr. Meredith welcomed all in attendance to the Wheatpieces Parish Council Environment Committee meeting

185/ENV PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two residents were in attendance to make Members of the Environment Committee aware that horse manure is being deposited and left on Jenny's field which, although not harmful to humans, can be potentially fatal to dogs. The residents were advised that consideration of 'no horses allowed' signs at the entrances to Jenny's field are on the agenda for consideration further in the meeting, Members requested any incidences of horse manure on Jenny's field to be reported to the Parish Council.

The third resident in attendance raised a query regarding ownership of the land and borders at the multi-use games area (MUGA). The resident was advised that the play area and car park along with the boundaries on the northern and western side of Jenny's field are in the ownership and are the responsibility of Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC) to maintain. Jenny's sports field and the boundaries on the southern and eastern side of Jenny's field are in the ownership and are the responsibility of Wheatpieces Parish Council. It was agreed for a plan of the field showing the boundary ownership to be sent to the residents in attendance in addition to Members of the Environment Committee.

Action: Clerk to forward the plan of the ownership of the boundaries of Jenny's field to the residents in attendance in addition to Members of the Environment Committee

At 7.15pm the residents were thanked for their attendance and duly left the meeting

186/ENV TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence

187/ENV TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made

188/ENV TO APPROVE AND OTHERWISE DEAL WITH THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20TH JUNE 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20th June 2019 were approved

**Proposed: Cllr. Shyamapant Seconded: Cllr. Reid
Agreed**

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189/ENV ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

- Cllr. Meredith informed Members that the contractor responsible for the maintenance of the verges had advised that the areas around the trees in the verge plantings can be cleared easily. It was agreed that Cllr. Meredith and Cllr. Reid will look at the areas for the required works prior to obtaining quotations.

Action: Cllr. Meredith and Cllr. Reid to look at the areas requiring clearance around the trees in the verge plantings prior to obtaining quotations for same

Action: Clerk/Cllr. Meredith to obtain quotations for the required works for clearance around the trees in the verge plantings in Monterey Road and Snowdonia Road

- Cllr. Meredith explained the advice obtained and the process for the removal of the brambles in the verges in Monterey Road and Snowdonia Road and it was agreed that quotations should be obtained.

Action: Clerk/Cllr. Meredith to obtain quotations for the removal of the brambles in the verges in Monterey Road and Snowdonia Road

190/ENV LITTER BINS

- Members were advised that an enquiry had been made to TBC as to whether they supply and install dual litter/recycling bins. The response received is that 'at present recycling on street is a difficult area for the authority to manage so currently no but this will probably be subject to change in the future with the drive to recycle more'.

- Members considered a new litter bin for Jubilee Way and following a discussion agreed for a bin to be installed on Jubilee Way past the roundabout at the junction with Snowdonia Road opposite the entrance to the Nature Reserve. Members requested, in the first instance, an enquiry is made to TBC for the timeframe of the supply and installation of a litter bin in this location.

Action: Clerk to enquire with TBC for the timeframe of the supply and installation of a litter bin on Jubilee Way past the roundabout at the junction with Snowdonia Road opposite the entrance to the Nature Reserve

Action: Clerk to advise the local resident who requested an additional litter bin on Jubilee Way accordingly

- Members considered the request for an additional or larger litter bin at the shopping area in Columbine Road. Following a discussion Members agreed that this should be requested at the next meeting with representatives of the Management Company for the shopping area as this is privately owned land managed by the company.

Action: Cllr. Meredith and Cllr. Reid to pass on the request for an additional or larger litter bin at the shopping area in Columbine Road to the representatives of the Management Company of the shopping area at the next meeting

191/ENV JENNY'S FIELD

- Members considered 'No horses allowed' signs for Jenny's field and agreed that x4 signs should be ordered to be installed on the x4 entrances to the field.

Action: Clerk to order x4 'No horses allowed' signs to be installed at the entrances to Jenny's field

- Members discussed if any maintenance is required to the trees and hedges on the Parish Council borders of Jenny's field and agreed for Cllr. Meredith to inspect and report back to the Environment Committee at the next meeting.

Action: Cllr. Meredith to inspect the trees and hedges for any required maintenance and report findings to the next Environment Committee meeting

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Action: Clerk to place on the next Environment Committee meeting agenda ‘To consider if any maintenance is required to the trees and hedges on the Parish Council borders of Jenny’s field’

- Members considered x4 quotations for the weed and feed of the x2 football pitches on Jenny’s field and in addition to x4 quotations for the weed and feed of the whole field. Following a discussion Members agreed for the whole ground to be treated and accepted the quotation from Ian Pritchard of Mowtech Sports Ground Maintenance

Proposed: Cllr. Meredith Seconded: Cllr. Reid

Agreed

Action: Clerk to advise Ian Pritchard of Mowtech Grounds Maintenance accordingly in addition to advising the x3 companies that their quotations were unsuccessful

- Members considered x4 quotations for the verti-draining/aeration of the football pitches on Jenny’s field as recommended by the FA Regional Pitch Advisor and accepted the quotation from Ian Pritchard of Mowtech Sports Ground Maintenance. This will be reviewed in Spring 2020.

Proposed: Cllr. Meredith Seconded: Cllr. Reid

Agreed

Action: Clerk to advise Ian Pritchard of Mowtech Grounds Maintenance accordingly in addition to advising the x3 companies that their quotations were unsuccessful

192/ENV PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER

Members considered locations for the new Public Space Protection Order for Dog Fouling signs as provided by TBC and agreed the following locations:

- Central Park noticeboard
- Noticeboard outside Costcutter
- Outside the green in Palm Road
- At the top of Fieldfare Walk
- Near the new houses on Rudgeway Lane

Members also agreed for the dog bags to be available at the next Parish Council open day

193/ENV CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence

194/ENV MEMBERS REPORTS

- A walk around the estate by Cllr. Meredith, Cllr. Reid and Cllr. Pullen is to be organised to identify issues of concern
- A meeting has been requested with the Local Gloucestershire Highways Manager to discuss various issues outstanding on the Wheatpieces estate
- An enquiry for a cost of cleaning the bus shelters is being pursued

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 17th October at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 7.50pm