

WHEATPIECES PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

DATE AND TIME: Thursday 18th June 2015 at 7.15pm

LOCATION: Wheatpieces Community Centre

PRESENT: Cllr. J Abel, Cllr. Meredith, Cllr. C Reid, Cllr. W Sawkins,
Cllr. R Shyamapant, Cllr. D Webb

IN ATTENDANCE: T Shurmer (Clerk)

MINUTES

- 001/ENV THE ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE WHEATPIECES PARISH COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**
Cllr Abel was nominated for Chairman of the Environment Committee
Proposed: Cllr. C. Reid Seconded: Cllr. R. Shyamapant
Agreed
- 002/ENV THE ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE WHEATPIECES PARISH COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**
Cllr Meredith was nominated for Vice-Chairman of the Environment Committee
Proposed: Cllr. J. Abel Seconded: Cllr. C. Reid
Agreed
- 003/ENV PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
No members of the public were present
- 004/ENV TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
None declared
- 005/ENV TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
No Apologies received
- 006/ENV TO APPROVE AND OTHERWISE DEAL WITH THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19th MARCH 2015**
The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19th March 2015 were approved and adopted
Proposed: Cllr. S. Meredith Seconded: Cllr. C. Reid
Agreed

Members were updated following this meeting on the 19th March 2015 that, as requested, a report had been made to Gloucestershire Highways (GH), of cars taking a shortcut to and from the estate by driving along the footpath adjacent to Charles Close to enter/exit Rudgeway/Walton Cardiff Lane. The subsequent response received from GH was that the field gate off Rudgeway Lane does not have a post to close to, if this was introduced then modest alterations would need to be made to the wooden rails by the footpath. GH suggest monitoring the situation and if it should persist identify and liaise with the owner of the field regarding the installation of a gate post to allow the field gate to be secured. Following a discussion it was agreed that Cllr. Meredith would bring this subject up at the forthcoming meeting with Richard Waters of GH scheduled for Thursday 25th June 2015.

Action: Cllr. Meredith to discuss the cars taking a shortcut to enter/exit Rudgeway/Walton Cardiff Lane by driving along the footpath adjacent to Charles Close at the forthcoming meeting with Richard Waters, GH.

007/ENV

TENDERS FOR GRASS CUTTING

Three tenders for the Grass Cutting contract to commence with effect from 1st August 2015 to 31st July 2016 were considered & discussed. It was agreed to recommend to the next Full Council meeting scheduled for Thursday 2nd July 2015 that the contract is offered to Centigen Facilities due to their competitive price.

Proposed: Cllr. S. Meredith Seconded: Cllr. D. Webb
Agreed

Action: Clerk to place on the next Full Council agenda 'To recommend the quotation received from Centigen Facilities for the Grass Cutting contract for the forthcoming year (1st August 2015 – 31st July 2016)

008/ENV

DOG BIN

Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC) had advised the Parish Council that they were holding a sum of \$106 money totalling £446.47 which the Parish Council could spend for the replacement and installation of dog bins on the estate. Members were aware that the dog bin near the bus shelter on Snowdonia Road is broken and that the lid on the dog bin where Snowdonia Road meets Clifford Avenue is non-existent. It was agreed to use this money to replace and install both of these dog bins using this sum of money leaving a cost of £115.53 for the Parish Council to fund.

Proposed: Cllr. W Sawkins Seconded: Cllr. D Webb
Agreed

Action: Clerk to advise TBC of the decision to replace and install the two dog bins and ascertain the way forward to reclaim the funding for this.

Clerk to order the two dog bins and arrange for the contractor to install.

009/ENV

GREENERY AREAS OF CONCERN

Members were requested to bring forward any green areas of concern on the estate that remedial works were required to be carried out on, these were identified as follows:

- The Woodland Walk is very overgrown and in need of a cutback in addition to requesting that the redundant tree guards are removed.
- The grassed triangle opposite nos. 45-49 Cypress Road is in need of a tidy up
- Some trees have been cut back and the branches left in the pathway that runs adjacent to Laurel Cottages to/from the Central Park area.
- The hedges surrounding Central Park are in need of a cut back and it should be requested that they are trimmed back to the height of the fence in the area
- A rose bush opposite Bellflower Cottages is also in need of trimming

Action: Clerk to report all of these concerns to TBC and request for their grounds maintenance team to carry out the required works

- It was also reported that the posts of an old dog bin still remain in the ground near the zebra crossing by the substation at the side of the Community Centre and requires removal. Members agreed to request Darren Vincent to carry out the required works.

Proposed: Cllr. J Abel Seconded: Cllr. W. Sawkins
Agreed

Action: Clerk to request Darren Vincent to remove the posts of an old dog bin near the zebra crossing

- A concern was raised that hedge cuttings are still left on the side of the footpath in the vicinity of the school and this should be reported to Severn Vale who are responsible for the houses in the vicinity.

Action: Cllr. Abel to report this to Severn Vale Housing

- Members were made aware that the bollard at the end of Beauchamp Road is on the side of the footpath leading to the Woodland Walk and a request was made for this to be reinstalled.

Action: Cllr. Meredith would report this to Richard Waters at the forthcoming meeting on Thursday 25th June 2015.

010/ENV

CORRESPONDENCE

An e-mail had been received from a resident of Walton Cardiff Village expressing concern in relation to litter in Walton Cardiff Lane and Rudgeway Lane and thereby requesting further litter bins in the area of Gainsborough Road and the Woodland Walk. Following a discussion Members agreed that they are unable to consider the request for installing litter bins as this area is still not adopted, however, they agreed to request the Parish Council's litter picker to collect the litter more frequently in this area and monitor the situation.

Action: Clerk to request the Parish Council's litter picker to collect the litter in this area more frequently and advise the resident accordingly.

An e-mail had been received from a resident in Lancer Close expressing concerns in relation to parking on the roundabout in the close. A request for 'no parking' signs and 'no ball games' signs was made in the e-mail which hopefully would help to alleviate the problems being experienced.

Action: Cllr. Meredith to discuss the request with Richard Waters at the forthcoming meeting scheduled for Thursday 25th June 2015.

011/ENV

MEMBERS REPORTS

A query was raised in relation to the recent verge maintenance carried out with regard to weeding of the verges, however, this was not identified to be carried out in the specification. In addition some cut outs had been made in various locations in the verges which should not have happened.

Action: Cllr. Meredith will look at the concerns raised and speak to the supervisor of the company who carried out the maintenance.

The meeting closed at 7.47pm

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

A need for a further meeting of the Environment Committee would be considered at the Full Council meeting in September.