

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE WOOLSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB, HALL ROAD, WOOLSTON ON 18 APRIL 2018

Present: Councillor MH Greenslade (Chairman)
Councillors: M Banner, J Greenslade, A Hill, D Hill, B Maher, A McCarthy, D Nowell, S Rydzkowski

Apologies for absence: Councillors M Creaghan, M Pearce, P Wright

EA89 Code of Conduct – declarations of interest **Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012**

No declarations were made at the opening of the meeting.
The Committee noted that Councillor Nowell had emailed the Monitoring Officer at the Borough Council for advice on a matter but to date had not received a response.

EA90 Minutes

Resolved,
That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2018 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

EA91 Development adjacent to the Thelwall Viaduct

No matters to report.

EA92 Parish Path Warden Scheme

Councillor Nowell reported and the Committee noted the items reported to Borough Council Rights of Way officer and responses received:

- An updated advice note had been received from the Borough Council's Rights of Way officer on the role of Parish Path Wardens, including new Health and Safety advice.
- Water logging of the rights of way through Woolston Park near Pipe Lane had been notified to the Borough Council who had responded that capital investment would be needed to alleviate the drainage issue. None was available at this time but the matter could be considered in a future funding round.

EA93 Hillock Lane Amenity Area – development of improvement scheme

The Committee noted that there was no further information to report.

EA94 Hillock Lane Amenity Area – security of car park entrance

The Committee noted that a quotation had been invited for the installation of timber fencing to improve security at the car park entrance.

EA95 Tree condition survey – Hillock Lane Amenity area and Martinscroft Village Green

The Committee received a copy of the reports following the periodic survey of the condition of trees at these sites. Quotations had been invited for works categorised as a safety priority:

Recommended

That

1. further consideration be given to the reports at the next meeting;
2. consideration be given to quotations for work at the next meeting.

EA96 Somerset Way at entrance to Woolston Park – consideration of measures to protect highway verge

The Committee gave consideration further to minute EA84 21 March 2018 following reports of the parking of vehicles on the highway verge and on Somerset Way causing an obstruction:

Recommended,

That the Borough Council be requested to provide stumps in the highway verge adjacent to the park entrance to prevent the parking of vehicles.

EA97 Kings Leadership Academy – shared use of car park

The Committee noted that the shared use of the car park continued successfully.

EA98 “Old Billy” scheme – draft design

The Committee gave consideration to progress on the scheme and it was

Recommended,

Councillor J Greenslade and the Clerk be authorised to progress the design for the scheme and submit a report to a future meeting.

EA99 New Cut Heritage and Ecology Trail Group – issues relating to Woolston

Councillor J Greenslade reported on matters relating to the Group from the meeting was held on 26 March 2018. It was noted that the Environment Agency had been asked to support the provision of seating at points on the canal towpath.

**EA100 Business raised by members
– New Cut area management plan**

Councillor Nowell reported that he had requested information from the Borough Council on the management plan to be produced by the Lancashire Wildlife Trust but to date no details had been supplied:

Recommended,

That the Borough Council be requested to provide details on the plan and the Borough Ward Councillors be asked to assist in this matter.

– Play areas – no smoking signs

Councillor M Greenslade reported that a resident had seen a person smoking at the Weir Lane Play area. The play area at Nottingham Close had a no smoking sign on the entrance gates but a similar notice was not sited at Weir Lane play area. Councillor McCarthy offered to raise this matter with officers:

Recommended,
That the proposed action be approved.

– speed control signs

Councillor J Greenslade reported on issues relating to the speed of vehicles on Hillock Lane and Manchester Road. It was noted that Councillor McCarthy had obtained information from the Borough Council on the type and cost of speed control signs currently in use in parts of the Borough:

Recommended,
That the police be asked to advise on the most effective type of speed warning sign.

Chairman.....