

## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE WOOLSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB, HALL ROAD, WOOLSTON ON 15 JANUARY 2020**

**Present:** Councillor MH Greenslade (Chairman)

Councillors: M Banner, J Greenslade, A McCarthy, D Nowell, S Rydzkowski

**Apologies for absence:** Councillors M Creaghan, A Hill, D Hill, M Pearce, B Maher, P Wright

### **EA66 Code of Conduct – declarations of interest Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012**

No declarations were made at the opening of the meeting.

### **EA67 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were noted from Councillors M Creaghan, A Hill, D Hill, M Pearce, B Maher and P Wright.

### **EA68 Minutes**

Resolved,

That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2019 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

### **EA69 Matters of report from previous minutes**

No matters to report.

### **EA70 Nuisance caused by Lesser Black-backed gulls**

The Committee noted that the Greater Manchester Ecology Unit were to undertake a full survey of Woolston Eyes in spring 2020 on behalf of the Borough Council.

### **EA71 Parish Path Warden Scheme**

Councillor Nowell reported on matters relating to public footpaths that had been reported to the Borough Council:

- Potholes near to fish refuge
- Paths wet because of recent heavy rainfall

Tree work was being undertaken on path from Woolston Park to Birchwood Rail station.

Recommended,

That the report be noted.

### **EA72 Woolston Playing Fields and Hillock Lane Amenity Area - liaison with the Borough Council**

No further information to report.

**EA73 Speed control measures**

No further information to report. Councillor McCarthy agreed to contact the Borough Council.

**EA74 Kings Leadership Academy – shared use of car park**

No matters to report.

**EA75 “Old Billy” scheme – draft design**

Response awaited from the Borough Council to the draft of the design for the “Old Billy” sign.

**EA76 Battery Lane Allotment site  
- inspection of plots**

The Clerk reported further to minute EA64 27 November 2019 on the surrender of plots following Notice of Unsatisfactory Cultivation being given and that the resulting vacant plots were being allocated to those on the waiting list. Further action was continuing in respect of those plots that had not reached a satisfactory standard or where no reason had been provided for the present condition:

Recommended,

That the report be noted.

**- determination of rent 2020-21**

The Committee considered the setting of the annual rent of a plot for 2020-21:

Recommended,

That the rent for an allotment plot for 2020-21 be set at £20 (£10 for senior citizens and persons in receipt of Job Seekers Allowance) and the required notice be given to tenants.

**EA77 Draft revenue budget, capital projects and special items of expenditure 2020-21**

The Committee considered a report of the Clerk on the draft committee estimates for 2020-21:

Resolved,

That the draft estimates, as now amended, be referred to the Finance and General Committee with a recommendation for approval and submission to the Council and no recommendations be made for capital projects or special items of expenditure.

**EA78 Business raised by Council members – Woolston Park – play equipment**

Councillor Nowell reported that he had been informed by the Borough Council that the seats to the play area would be replaced in April/May 2020. The Committee noted that items that had been damaged through vandalism would be considered for replacement after a period of 6 months.

Chairman.....