

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE WOOLSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB, HALL ROAD, WOOLSTON ON 13 SEPTEMBER 2017

Present: Councillor A McCarthy (Chairman)
Councillors: M Banner, D Nowell, M Pearce, S Rydzkowski
Apologies for absence: Councillor A Hill, D Hill, M Creaghan, J Greenslade, MH Greenslade, B Maher, P Wright

EA26 Appointment of Chairman

Resolved,
That in the absence of the chairman, Councillor McCarthy be appointed chairman for this meeting.

**EA27 Code of Conduct – declarations of interest
Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012**

No declarations were made at the opening of the meeting.

EA28 Minutes

Resolved,
That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2017 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

EA29 Development adjacent to the Thelwall Viaduct

The Committee noted a report on activity relating to works at the site.

EA30 Parish Path Warden scheme

Councillor Nowell reported and the Committee noted that:
Public Footpath 12 at Nicol Avenue was passable.
The footpath at Weir Lane alongside the River Mersey had re-opened from Weir Lane to Edward Gardens.
The siting of large stones, possibly to deter parking of vehicles had been carried out on the length of highway at the New Cut Canal lock entrance at Weir Lane. This had been reported to the Public Rights of Way Officer.

EA31 Hillock Lane Amenity Area – development of improvement scheme

The Committee gave consideration to the development of an improvement scheme for the amenity area:

Recommended,
That the Clerk circulate a form to all members for consideration at the October meeting to assist in the development of a scheme.

EA32 Hillock Lane Amenity Area – security of car park entrance

The Clerk reported on advice received from the Police Community Support Officer on options for measures to improve security of the entrance to the car park; no advice had been received to date from the Crime Prevention Officer. The Clerk reported that the Borough Council used both height barriers and lockable bollards:

Recommended,

That

1. costings be obtained for a height barrier and lockable bollards;
2. the Clerk consult with the Chairman of the Finance and General Committee in the event of urgent action being required.

EA33 Somerset Way at entrance to Woolston Park – provision of fencing

There were no matters to report.

EA34 Kings Leadership Academy – shared use of car park

There were no matters to report.

EA35 “Old Billy” scheme – draft design

The Clerk submitted a revised draft design for the sign to be placed in the highway relating to “Old Billy”:

Recommended,

That the revised draft design be considered at the October meeting.

EA36 Battery Lane Allotment Site – maintenance of plots

The Clerk reported further to minute EA23 26 July 2017 on action following a request made for the Council to consider extenuating circumstances relating to the condition of the plot:

Recommended,

That a further report be made to the October meeting of the Committee.

– maintenance of Battery Lane and track to allotment site

The Clerk reported that the Borough Council had completed the maintenance work to the surface of Battery Lane from Riversdale towards the river and the Battery Lane Allotment Association had expressed their appreciation for the work carried out.

Members reported on representations from the Association regarding the churning of the length of the track leading to the site at the joint entrance to both the allotment site and the land to the south of the site in the ownership of the Borough Council:

Recommended,

That

1. the report on the works to Battery Lane be noted;

2. the matter raised by the Association be considered at the liaison meeting and the Clerk arrange a date for this meeting.

EA37 New Cut Heritage and Ecology Trail Group – issues relating to Woolston

The Committee noted that the next meeting of the Group was to be held on 25 September 2017.

EA38 Business raised by members

There were no matters to report.

Chairman.....