

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE WOOLSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB, HALL ROAD, WOOLSTON ON 16 JANUARY 2019

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

Apologies for absence: Councillors M Creaghan, B Maher

**EA59 Code of Conduct – declarations of interest
Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012**

No declarations were made at the opening of the meeting.

EA60 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were noted from Councillors M Creaghan and B Maher.

EA61 Minutes

Resolved,
That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2018 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

EA62 Matters of report from previous minutes

No matters to report.

EA63 Presentation by Environment Services Manager

The Committee noted that the Environment Services Manager was unable to attend the meeting and that the presentation would be rescheduled to a future meeting. Members considered issues that were to be raised including the poor drainage to Woolston Playing Fields. It was noted that the Borough Council was currently preparing a playing fields strategy for the whole of the borough:

Recommended,
That Councillor Higgins, Executive Member with responsibility for playing fields be asked to inform the Council on the outcome of discussions with outside bodies on grant aid to assist in the improvement of Woolston Playing Fields and the offer of Councillor McCarthy to assist in this matter be accepted.

EA64 Development adjacent to the Thelwall Viaduct

No matters to report.

EA65 Parish Path Warden scheme

Councillor Nowell reported and the Committee noted the items reported to the Borough Council Rights of Way officer and responses received. A report had been made to the Borough Council on work to the boundary of Omega Scaffolding adjacent to the New Cut

can towpath. Councillor McCarthy reported that the Enforcement Officer was investigating this matter.

A survey of public footpaths had been carried out on 29 November 2018 and there were no further matters to report.

EA66 Hillock Lane Amenity Area – development of improvement scheme

No matters to report.

EA67 Somerset Way at entrance to Woolston Park - parking

Councillor McCarthy reported and the Committee noted that a decision was required on the support to be given to any scheme to protect the highway verge. Liaison was continuing with the Borough Council.

EA68 Kings Leadership Academy – shared use of car park

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

EA69 “Old Billy” scheme – draft design

Councillor J Greenslade reported that draft of the design for the “Old Billy” sign had been submitted to the Borough Council and a response was awaited.

EA70 Battery Lane allotment site – determination of rent for 2019-20

The Committee gave consideration to the setting of the annual rent of a plot for 2019-20:

Recommended,

That the rent for an allotment plot for 2019-20 be set at £19 (£9.50 for senior citizens and persons in receipt of Job Seekers Allowance) and the required notice be given to tenants.

EA71 Draft revenue budget, capital projects and special items of expenditure 2019-20

The Committee considered a report of the Clerk on the draft committee estimates for 2019-20:

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.

EA72 Business raised by Council members

No matters to report.

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