MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND AMENTIES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE WOOLSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB, HALL ROAD, WOOLSTON ON 19 APRIL 2017

Present: Councillor MH Greenslade (Chairman)

Councillors: J Greenslade, A McCarthy, D Nowell, M Pearce,

P Wright

Apologies for absence: Councillors M Banner, M Creaghan, A Hill, B Maher,

S Rydzkowski

EA121 Code of Conduct – declarations of interest

Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012

No declarations were made at the opening of the meeting.

EA122 Minutes

Resolved,

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2017 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

EA123 Martinscroft Village Green – traffic calming scheme

The Clerk reported further to minute EA109 - 22 March 2017 that the Borough Council had informed the Council that a letter had been sent to the person who submitted a late objection to the traffic calming scheme. No representations had been received relating to the scheme by the parish council:

Recommended,

That the report be noted.

EA124 Development adjacent to the Thelwall Viaduct

There were no matters report.

EA125 Somerset Way at entrance to Woolston Park – provision of fencing

The Committee noted that a site meeting was to be held with officers of the Borough Council on the proposed scheme to the entrance at the entrance to Woolston Park.

EA126 Kings Leadership Academy – shared use of car park

There were no matters to report.

EA127 Parish Path Warden scheme

Councillor Nowell reported that:

All paths currently accessible

Path 23) Tree leaning over path between Bridge Lane and Nottingham Close green space completely removed by landowner.

Path 23) Japanese Knotweed beginning to re-grow along New Cut towpath.

Path 31) Damaged tree across southern end of Woolston Guard Weir. Tree branch raised above the path by unknown individual(s) in an unsatisfactory manner. Re reported to the

Borough Council on 13 April 2017. Repair responsibility rests with landowner.

Path 14) End of Juniper Lane towards M6 motorway. Fallen tree passable but still in place.

Path 15) Additional sections of private road/Public right of way resurfaced by local landowner (reinforced concrete).

Path 27) Public Rights of Way closure order to the east of the fingerpost at old Statham Lane track. Closure order notices re-attached to post. Public Rights of Way Officer to organise similar at Rixton-with-Glazebrook end of path (Rixton path no. 1).

Reported dispute between landowner (Rixton area) and walkers travelling from Woolston along Woolston path 27/Rixton path 1. (Both path sections currently subject of temporary closure orders) Recommended action to promote awareness of path closure to residents and local walkers.

Report on injury to Parish Path Warden as a result of a dog bite and request submitted to Public Rights of Way Officer on 13 April 2017 for review of Parish Path Warden risk assessment. (Additional information required on accident reporting procedures, post injury actions etc.)

Local Access Forum - next meeting to be held at 1.00pm on 9 June 2017, New Town House Warrington. Public may observe.

Rights of Way improvement plan. The Borough Council currently has no funding for review of this. Alternative methods of achieving the objective being investigated.

No current or recent definitive map modifications, maintenance and improvement or enforcement in Woolston parish.

Access improvement at parish level – Public Rights of Way officer seeking suggestions from parish councils.

Path 27 Woolston/Rixton. Diversion order intended before temporary closure order expires end of 2017. Path will not be extinguished if diversion not negotiated with local landowner but further extension of the closure order would be required. Path is recorded on the Borough Council's definitive map.

Recommended,

That the report be noted.

EA128 "Old Billy" scheme

There were no matters to report.

EA 129 Battery Lane Allotment Site

- repairs to Battery Lane and track leading to allotment site

The Committee noted that the Public Rights of Way Officer at the Borough Council had agreed to authorise remedial work to the surface of Battery Lane following representations from the Council on behalf of the Battery Lane Allotment Association.

- liaison meeting with the Battery Lane Allotment Association

Recommended,

That approval be given to arranging a liaison meeting with representatives of the Association.

EA130 New Cut Heritage and Ecology Trail Group – issues relating to Woolston

The Committee noted that items relating to the work of the Group had been circulated to members.

EA131 Business raised by members	
There were no matters to report.	

Chairman....