

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE WOOLSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB, HALL ROAD, WOOLSTON ON 20 JULY 2016**

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

**Apologies for absence:** Councillor M Pearce

**EA14 Code of Conduct – declarations of interest**  
**Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012**

No declarations were made at the opening of the meeting.

**EA15 Minutes**

Resolved,  
That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2016 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

**EA16 Development adjacent to the Thelwall Viaduct**

The Chairman reported and the Council noted that information from the protest group was available on Facebook social media.

**EA17 Hillock Lane amenity area car park**

The Clerk reported that Conlon Construction had completed the landscaping works to the car park entrance:

Recommended,  
That the report on the works to the car park be noted.

**EA18 Woolston Playing Fields – management and future use**

The Committee noted that there had been no further information from the Borough Council.

**EA19 Kings Leadership Academy**

The Clerk reported on a meeting held with the Bursar and Operations Manager. The school had confirmed the request for use of the Amenity Area car park for parental pick up at the end of the school day, evening events when not in use by users of the playing fields and other special events. This would be for an initial 3 month trial period to commence in August 2016.

The school had also advised that the Borough Council had agreed to use of the playing fields at the rear of the school subject to provision of the planned usage so that wear and tear on the fields could be assessed. The Borough Council had been allowed use of the playing fields for the Sports Day this month.

The “bird’s mouth” timber fencing was to be erected from the corner of the existing green metal fence around the perimeter of the school land to the entrance barrier to the car park to prevent access to the land:

Recommended,

That

1. approval be given a trial use of the car park by parents at the beginning and end of the school day and at other times when required by the school in exchange for use of the school car park for community use associated with the playing fields for an initial trial period commencing August 2016;
2. the approval granted for use of the laying fields be noted;
3. the report on the provision of fencing be noted.

### **EA20 Martinscroft Village Green – traffic calming scheme**

The Clerk submitted the report of the Borough Council on the results of the traffic calming consultation with residents. The majority of responses had been in support of the scheme with a request being made for an additional road hump. Other comments made regarding traffic matters were being considered by the Borough Council. Councillor McCarthy reported on information provided to him by the officers responsible for the scheme and it was noted that funding was available through the Borough Council for the works:

Recommended,

That

1. the results of the survey be noted;
2. approval be given to proceed with the scheme as advertised;
3. consideration be given to any further measures following the completion of the scheme;
4. it be noted that an update bulletin is to be issued by the Borough Council to residents when the Council’s decision is known;
5. it be noted that the Borough Council is to respond to comments made during the survey on matters outside the scheme.

### **EA21 Parish Path Warden scheme**

Councillor Nowell gave a report on matters relating to the designated public footpaths since the last meeting. Reports had been made to the Borough Council on the following:

- surface of the canal path adjacent to Warrington Fencing at New Cut Lane
- the need for a risk assessment where the canal towpath crosses public highway. It had been reported that the Borough Council did not have funding for this work;
- Woolston Lock area was overgrown. The Environment Agency was aware and had done some clearance work.

### **EA22 Bus shelter at old Manchester Road**

The Clerk reported a quotation from Commutaports plc for the supply and installation of a new shelter. This was based on the shelter provided by the Borough Council on Hillock Lane adjacent to St Peters RC Primary School:

Recommended,

That approval be given in principle to the replacement shelter and the Clerk be requested to contact the Borough Council regarding the necessary procedures for this work.

**EA23 Development of “old Billy” scheme**

The Committee noted that a meeting was to be arranged with Borough Council Officers to progress the scheme.

**EA24 Battery Lane allotment site**

**– arrangements for liaison meeting with the Battery Lane Allotment Association**

The Committee noted that consultation was taking place with the Battery Lane Allotment Association on items for the meeting and a suitable date.

**– cultivation of plots**

The Clerk reported on the cultivation of plots and action following the serving of Notices of Unsatisfactory Cultivation. A further site inspection was to be carried out:

Recommended,

That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, be authorised to take any further action in respect of the cultivation of plots.

**EA25 New Cut Heritage and Ecology Trail Group – issues relating to Woolston**

Councillor J Greenslade reported on matters relating to Woolston under consideration by the Group. It was noted that the minutes of the group meeting held on 16 July 2016 and other information had been supplied to members:

Recommended,

That the report be noted.

**EA26 Business raised by members**

No items to report.

Chairman.....