

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE WOOLSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB, HALL ROAD, WOOLSTON ON 17 JANUARY 2018

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

Apologies for absence: Councillors M Banner, A Hill, D Hill

EA64 Code of Conduct – declarations of interest **Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012**

No declarations were made at the opening of the meeting.

EA65 Minutes

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

EA66 Development adjacent to the Thelwall Viaduct

There were no items to report.

EA67 Parish Path Warden scheme

Councillor Nowell reported and the Committee noted the items reported to Borough Council Rights of Way officer and responses received:

Path 25 from the outflow at the Edward Gardens green space to Battery Lane green space is to be considered for a surfaced footpath due to soft ground conditions.

Path 27 Woolston/Rixton Glazebrook path no.1 closed since 2012 due to riverbank slippage at the Woolston end of the path has been reopened due to the official closure order expiring on 31st December 2017. Safety signs are to be placed along the route to ensure users take a safe line away from the riverbank. New or repaired wooden bridges and pedestrian access gates have been placed along the route which terminates at the A57 by Swithen hill wood Rixton. Additional work is needed at the Rixton end to remove obstructions caused by agricultural use of the path during its years of closure.

Path 16 Brook lane Woolston. A boardwalk is due to be installed in late January alongside a drainage ditch to improve access along the path.

All other Woolston paths are usable although some are currently prone to waterlogging and mud due to winter weather conditions. It is advisable that more isolated paths be used only with caution by less experienced walkers.

EA68 Hillock Lane Amenity Area – development of improvement scheme

The Committee noted that there was no further information to report.

EA69 Hillock Lane Amenity Area – security of car park entrance

The Committee noted that an order had been placed with the Borough Council for the installation of a height barrier.

EA70 Somerset Way at entrance to Woolston Park – introduction of waiting restrictions and consideration of measures to protect the highway verge

The Committee noted that Councillor McCarthy was to follow up reports of a vehicle regularly parking on the highway verge. The cost of physical measures to protect the verge had been estimated by the Borough Council to be approximately £5000. A report was to be made to the police of speeding cars and buses around this area.

EA71 Kings Leadership Academy – shared use of car park

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

EA72 “Old Billy” scheme – draft design

There was no progress to report.

EA73 Battery Lane Allotment Site – request for financial assistance

Recommended,
That this matter be referred to the liaison meeting with the Association.

– determination of rent for 2018-19

The Committee gave consideration to the rent of a plot for 2018-19:

Recommended,
That the rent for an allotment plot for 2018-19 be set at £17 (£8.50 for senior citizens and persons in receipt of Job Seekers Allowance) and the required notice be given to tenants.

EA74 New Cut Heritage and Ecology Trail Group – issues relating to Woolston

Councillor J Greenslade reported on matters relating to the Group. It was noted that the Annual General Meeting was held on 27 November 2017 at the Woolston Neighbourhood Hub. Keith Price had been elected Chairman and Lynda Egan Deputy Chairman. Future meetings were to be held at Alford Hall. A timetable of meetings was available and the next meeting was on 22 January 2018. An Open Day was to be held on 25 February 2018.

EA75 Draft Committee estimates 2018-19

The Committee considered a report of the Clerk on the draft committee estimates for 2018-19:

Resolved,
That the draft estimates be referred to the Finance and General Committee with a recommendation for approval and submission to the Council.

EA76 Business raised by members

The Committee noted that a resident had reported that Woolston Household Waste Site no longer accepted televisions. Borough Councillor McCarthy and Councillor Nowell agreed to investigate this matter.

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