

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE WOOLSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB, HALL ROAD, WOOLSTON ON 23 NOVEMBER 2016

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

**EA53 Code of Conduct – declarations of interest
Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012**

No declarations were made at the opening of the meeting.

EA54 Minutes

Resolved,
That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 October 2016 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

EA55 Development adjacent to the Thelwall Viaduct

There were no matters to report.

EA56 Hillock Lane amenity area

The Committee noted that a meeting was to be held with officers from the Borough Council on options for the development of the grassed area.

EA57 Woolston Playing Fields – management and future use

The Clerk reported and the Committee noted an email from the Families and Wellbeing Directorate in reply to the information requested by the council. There were no arrangements in place with the Kings Leadership Academy regarding the use of Woolston Playing fields at present and the school did not have permission to use the fields. No payments had been made by the school for use of the fields. Progress in coming to any agreement with the school over the future use of the fields had been slow and had now stalled as there was no funding available to either the Borough Council or the school to fund the improvement works required to allow the extended use of the fields by the school. The fields continued to be managed by the Borough Council for the existing long term users.

EA58 Kings Leadership Academy – shared use of car park

No matters to report.

EA59 Martinscroft Village Green – traffic calming scheme

The Clerk reported further to minute EA46 – 26 October 2016 that the Borough Council had requested that the following points be confirmed by the parish council before proceeding to completion of the scheme:

- The land on which the traffic calming is to be provisioned is owned and managed by Woolston Parish Council.
- The provision of the traffic calming is commissioned by Woolston Parish Council.
- Warrington Borough Council is assisting in the design and construction of the traffic calming to ensure they are to standard and fit for purpose.
- Woolston Parish Council give Warrington Borough Council permission to undertake the provision of two traffic calming features on their behalf on Martinscroft Green as identified on drawing MW1617002-1200-01.
- The monies being used to implement these traffic calming measures is secured through the Section 106 as provisioned by David Wilson Homes and are not provisioned through Warrington Borough Council budget allocation.
- On completion of the works the ownership, management, maintenance and any future liability thereafter will be the responsibility of Woolston Parish Council.

Recommended,

That the summary of points be accepted as correct.

EA60 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, where appropriate, to the Borough Council on the following:

- Contractor working on footpath 15 Juniper Lane to provide concrete surface to an area.
- Paths from Woolston Guard Weir to Latchford had bushes on path
- Path behind Warrington Fencing Ltd at New Cut Lane already reported for repairs to surface.
- Rixton Cycle Way – meeting held early 2016; only action to remove mud from path.

EA61 Bus shelter at old Manchester Road

Further to minute EA48_- 26 October 2016 the Clerk reported that consultation had been carried out in accordance with the usual practice followed by the Borough Council. A response had been made by the neighbouring property owner that the shelter be positioned as far as possible from the entrance to the access to the property. The Borough Council had agreed to supervise the installation works for the new shelter site and undertake any necessary works to the highway:

Recommended,

That

1. the request made by the property owner be supported and made known to the Borough Council;
2. approval be given to the replacement of the shelter with the type used by the Borough Council and to the Borough Council arranging for its installation.

EA62 Weir Lane Play area – proposed improvement

The Committee noted that the Borough Council was carrying out consultation on the proposed refurbishment of the play area on the basis of the use of section 106 funding from

the David Wilson Homes development and a contribution from the parish council. A report on the results of the consultation would be provided to the parish council.

EA63 Development of “old Billy” scheme

The Committee noted that a meeting was to be arranged with the Borough Council to discuss the development of the scheme.

EA64 Battery Lane Allotment Site – inspection of plots

The Committee noted that a date was to be agreed for the inspection of plots.

EA65 New Cut Heritage and Ecology Trail Group

The Committee noted that items relating to the work of the Group had been circulated to members. Councillor Nowell reported that the bulb planting event had been well supported. The Group had again asked that a risk assessment be carried out for users of the path from Weir Lane to New Cut Lane at the points where the path was crossed by the highway. It was also noted that parked vehicles adjacent to the entrance to the Household Waste Site had been causing an obstruction.

EA66 Business raised by members

There were no matters to report.

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