

## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE WOOLSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB, HALL ROAD, WOOLSTON ON 27 NOVEMBER 2019**

**Present:** Councillor MH Greenslade (Chairman)

Councillors: J Greenslade, D Nowell, M Pearce, S Rydzkowski

**Apologies for absence:** Councillors M Banner, M Creaghan, A Hill, D Hill, B Maher, A McCarthy, P Wright

### **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 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Creaghan, A Hill, D Hill, B Maher, A McCarthy and M Banner and P Wright who were recovering from illness:

Resolved,

That the apologies for absence be noted.

### **EA55 Minutes**

Resolved,

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2019 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

### **EA56 Matters of report from previous minutes**

No matters to report.

### **EA57 Nuisance caused by Lesser Black-backed gulls**

The Committee noted a report from the Woolston Eyes Conservation Group on the issue of the nuisance caused by the gulls. This had been submitted to the Warrington Borough Council.

### **EA58 Supporting use of Royal British Legion poppy emblem on streetlamp posts**

The Clerk reported further to minute EA 44 16 October 2019. The installation and removal of poppies by the volunteers from street lampposts had been undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Borough Council and the Council's insurers. The planned supervision had been undertaken by the Clerk because of Councillor J Greenslade being unable to take part because of serious injury caused by an accident at home. The volunteers had indicated their wish to continue and increase the scope of the scheme to other streets in future years to help raise funds for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. This would require continued support from the parish council to meet the conditions set by the Borough Council:

Recommended,  
That

1. the report on the scheme be noted and the Clerk be thanked for his support;
2. the thanks of the Council be recorded to the volunteers for their work in raising funds for the poppy appeal;
3. consideration be given at a future meeting to continued support for the scheme in future years having regard to the resources of the Council.

### **EA59 Parish Path Warden Scheme**

Councillor Nowell reported on matters relating to public footpaths that had been reported to the Borough Council:

- Bridge Lane (private road) – orange waste pipe from land adjacent to the road routed across the canal towpath.
- Woolston Eyes – sections of path water-logged because of heavy rainfall.
- Woolston Weir hydro scheme – questions relating to access to public rights of way during construction works. The Clerk reported that the development company had offered to make a presentation to the Council on the scheme. Work was planned to commence in early 2020.

Recommended,  
That

1. the report be noted;
2. the Clerk invite the company to make a presentation on the hydro scheme to the Council on 15 January 2020.

### **EA60 Woolston Playing Fields and Hillock Lane Amenity Area - liaison with the Borough Council**

No further information to report.

### **EA61 Speed control measures**

No further information to report.

### **EA62 Kings Leadership Academy – shared use of car park**

No matters to report.

### **EA63 “Old Billy” scheme – draft design**

Response awaited from the Borough Council to the draft of the design for the “Old Billy” sign.

### **EA64 Battery Lane Allotment site - inspection of plots**

The Clerk reported further to minute EA51 16 October 2019 on the surrender of plots following Notice of Unsatisfactory Cultivation being given and that the resulting vacant plots were being allocated to those on the waiting list. Further action was continuing in respect of those plots

that had not reached a satisfactory standard or where no reason had been provided for the present condition:

Recommended,  
That the report be noted.

**EA65 Business raised by Council members – Woolston Park**

Councillor Nowell reported that a complaint had been made to the Friends of Woolston Park regarding the sighting of rats in the pond. A report had been made to the Borough Council.

Chairman.....