

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE WOOLSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB, HALL ROAD, WOOLSTON
ON 4 SEPTEMBER 2019**

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

**EA23 Code of Conduct – declarations of interest
Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012**

No declarations were made at the opening of the meeting.

EA24 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were noted from Councillors A Hill, B Maher, attending a Borough Ward meeting, S Rydzkowski and P Wright who was recovering from illness:

Resolved,
That the apologies for absence be noted.

EA25 Minutes

Resolved,
That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2019 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

EA26 Matters of report from previous minutes

No matters to report.

EA27 Nuisance caused by Lesser Black-backed gulls

The Clerk reported that the response from the Environmental Health and Protection section of the Borough Council had been circulated to all members of the Council and made known to residents at the Borough Councillors Ward Surgery and published on the notice board. A full report would be made at the Council meeting:

Resolved,
That the report be noted.

EA28 Encampments by travellers

The Clerk reported that the responses from the Borough Council and LiveWire CIC. This had been circulated to all members of the Council and a full report would be made at the Council meeting:

Resolved,
That

1. the report be noted;
2. a letter of thanks be sent to the Borough Council in recognition of the work undertaken by the officers and those involved in the clean-up operation.

EA29 Proposed use of Royal British Legion poppy emblem on streetlamp posts

The Clerk reported further to minute C43 17 July 2019 that the resident promoting the scheme had informed the Council that she had been unable to consult formally with the British Legion because the local branch had disbanded. It was intended that poppies would be purchased in advance from the Royal British Legion and donations would be invited via Facebook. It was hoped that there would be enough sponsors to provide a poppy on all lamp posts along A57 Manchester Road from the motorway island to Holes Lane.

The approval of the Borough Council to the use of the lamp posts would be required together with consideration of any requirements of the Council's insurers:

Recommended,

That support be given to the scheme subject to consideration of the response from the Borough Council and the Council's insurers.

EA30 Application to use metal detector on Council land

The Clerk reported and application from a member of the public to use a metal detector on Council land. Details had been provided of the permission granted by the Borough Council for their land:

Recommended,

That further information be obtained from the Borough Council on the operation of their scheme before determining the application.

EA31 Parish Path Warden Scheme

Resolved,

That this item be referred to the Council meeting.

EA32 Woolston Playing Fields and Hillock Lane Amenity Area - **liaison with the Borough Council**

Further to Minute EA17 17 July 2019, the Clerk reported that the Families and Wellbeing Directorate had informed the Council that work was proceeding following the meeting held on 17 June 2019 and that there was no further information at this time:

Recommended,

That the report be noted.

EA33 Speed control measures

No further information to report.

EA34 Kings Leadership Academy – shared use of car park

No matters to report.

EA35 “Old Billy” scheme – draft design

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

EA36 Battery Lane Allotment site inspection of plots

The Clerk reported on the inspection of all plots carried out with technical support from the Secretary of the Battery Lane Allotment Association. This support had allowed monthly inspections to be made and had resulted in a small number of Notices of Unsatisfactory Cultivation being issued to tenants. Remedial action had been taken by several tenants following receipt of the notice; further action would be taken in respect of those plots that had not reached a satisfactory standard or where no reason had been provided for the present condition. The Association had offered to help members who required short term assistance in maintaining their plot e.g. because of illness or work commitments:

Recommended,

That

1. the report be noted;
2. the thanks of the Council be recorded to the Association for their assistance.

EA37 Business raised by Council members

No matters to report.

Chairman.....