

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE WOOLSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB, HALL ROAD, WOOLSTON ON 18 OCTOBER 2017

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

Apologies for absence: Councillor A Hill, M Creaghan, B Maher

EA39 Code of Conduct – declarations of interest
Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012

No declarations were made at the opening of the meeting.

EA40 Minutes

Resolved,
That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2017 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

EA41 Development adjacent to the Thelwall Viaduct

The Committee noted that following the service of a notice the anti-fracking protesters had left the land adjacent to the site.

EA42 Hillock Lane Amenity Area – development of improvement scheme

Further to minute EA31 13 September 2017 a form had been circulated by the Clerk to all members to help develop proposals for the area. The Committee gave consideration to the responses received and to further action:

Recommended,
That the comments submitted be noted and the form continue to be used to assist in the development of a scheme at future meetings.

EA43 Hillock Lane Amenity Area – security of car park entrance

Further to minute EA32 13 September 2017 the Clerk reported on advice received from the Borough Council of the estimated cost of installing a height barrier or lockable bollards to improve the security of the car park entrance:

Recommended,
That

1. the preferred option be a height barrier and a detailed costing be obtained from the Borough Council;
2. details of the final proposal be submitted to the Finance and General Committee.

EA44 Somerset Way at entrance to Woolston Park – provision of fencing

Councillor McCarthy reported that the Borough Council officers had informed him that the no waiting restrictions on Somerset Way and the approach road to the park were expected to

be installed by the end of November. Following a review of their effectiveness further consideration would be given to any measures required to protect the highway verge:

Recommended,
That the report be noted.

EA45 Kings Leadership Academy – shared use of car park

There were no matters to report.

EA46 “Old Billy” scheme – draft design

The Clerk submitted a revised draft design for the sign to be placed in the highway relating to “Old Billy” for consideration:

Recommended,
That a revised draft design be produced based on the comments now made.

EA47 Cleaning of War Memorial at Martinscroft Village Green

The Clerk reported that the work for the cleaning of the War Memorial had been completed by the specialist contractor. The company had responded to concerns about the staining of areas of the stone where the wreaths remain following the annual service of remembrance held in November. Advice had been given to site these on the concrete paved area surrounding the memorial in future. Consideration was being given to remedial action to other areas of the memorial where some staining had been identified following cleaning:

Recommended,
That the report be noted.

EA48 Battery Lane Allotment Site – maintenance of plots

The Clerk reported further to minute EA36 13 September 2017 following a request made for the Council to consider extenuating circumstances reported relating to the condition of the plot:

Recommended,
That having regard to the report received, approval be given to the grant of a tenancy to the applicant.

– maintenance of track at entrance point to the allotment site and adjacent field

Further to minute EA36 13 September 2017 the Clerk reported on an estimated cost provided by the Borough Council for providing a hard surface at the joint entrance to both the allotment site and the land to the south of the site in the ownership of the Borough Council. In order to consider this further and to explore other options it was suggested that a site meeting be held with Borough Council officers and including a representative of the Allotment Association and the Clerk. A further report would then be made to the Committee:

Recommended,
That approval be given for arrangements to be made for the site meeting.

– pruning of trees on southern boundary to the allotment site and adjacent field

The Clerk reported that the Allotment Association had requested that the length of trees on the southern boundary, in the ownership of the Borough Council, be reduced in height to remove the shading of a number of plots:

Recommended,

That approval be given to this matter being referred for consideration at the site meeting to be held with the Borough Council.

EA49 New Cut Heritage and Ecology Trail Group – issues relating to Woolston

Resolved,

That consideration of this item be referred to the Council meeting.

EA50 Business raised by members

There were no matters to report.

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