

# **MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Meeting held on **Tuesday 23 August 2016** at **7.45 pm** in the Parish Office

## **Present:**

Councillors Dr Haffegée (Chair), Fitzwilliams, Ms Healy, Ms Thorin and Towle

## **In attendance:**

Cllr Ms Gierth, Jason Mawer (Parish Clerk)

### **E109. Apologies for absence**

No apologies for absence were received.

### **E110. Declarations of interest and dispensations**

No declarations of interest were made or dispensations requested.

### **E111. Minutes of the meeting of 24 May 2016**

The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to members ahead of the meeting. Item 103a was clarified and confirmed that Warfield and Winkfield would spend approximately £250 each to cover costs associated with the cycle ride. It was proposed by Cllr Ms Healy, seconded by Cllr Towle and RESOLVED to approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting of 24 May 2016.

### **E112. Matters arising from the last meeting**

The Clerk clarified with members the item concerning litter picking. It was noted the equipment would need to be available at the Parish Office for use. The Clerk would arrange for advertising to take place to promote this.

The Clerk was asked to check and confirm the status of the risk assessment for Frost Folly.

### **E113. Finance 2016/17**

A financial report was circulated to members ahead of the meeting. The Clerk was asked to chase up the invoice for the Cycle Ride from Winkfield Parish Council.

The financial report was noted.

### **E114. Allotments**

With the opening of Sopwith Road, the land allocated for the allotment was now visible. It was noted that no drop kerb had been installed at the likely car park location off Watersplash Lane.

Members asked the Clerk to seek clarification from Bracknell Forest Council as to the plan of the site, the likely handover date and progression. Members asked the Clerk to arrange a site meeting with officers from Bracknell Forest Council to discuss these matters.

The Clerk was asked to chase a response to the letter sent to Andrew Hunter.

## **E115. Events**

### **Cycle Ride 2016**

The Family cycle ride on Sunday 26 July went well this year. It has been identified that more directional signs would be required in 2017 and more marshals were needed. The Clerk raised the possibility of a volunteer pool for such events and this would be looked at outside of the meeting.

### **Produce Show**

The annual Warfield Produce Show had taken place on Saturday 16 July.

### **Week of Walks**

Members discussed the prospect of organising a run to coincide with the Week of Walks event. Cllr Ms Thorin had discussed the possibility of a local running club taking on the organisation of the event, but they could only offer limited support. The Clerk advised members that there was limited time to organise an event for this year as he did not feel the council was adequately resourced to deliver a successful, safe event. Members agreed that no run would take place in 2016, but investigations into an event for 2017 should be made with the local running club.

### **Gardening Competition**

The 2016 Gardening Competition had been judged and the winners were in the process of being notified and invited to prize giving ahead of the September council meeting. The committee thanked Mike and Helen Gates for judging this year's competition.

Judging of the tallest sunflower competition was being arranged.

## **E116. Horticultural proposals**

Proposals for the maintenance of Frost Folly were drawn up by Cllr Fitzwilliams and members agreed to proceed on this basis until the proposals for the SANG at Frost Folly were in place.

## **E117. Items for Information**

The Clerk updated members that he had attended a briefing by Historic England on heritage crime. The advice was that crime against historic sites or items should be reported to the police as a heritage crime as this receives a different rating to standard crime. Members asked if historic trees were covered by this tag.

At the same meeting discussion took place concerning local listing of heritage buildings and sites. The Clerk would investigate further.

**E118. Representative Reports**

Cllr Ms Thorin reported fly tipping on Wellers Lane. The Clerk advised this had been reported in July and he would follow this up with BFC.

Cllr Towle reported the damaged waste bin outside Whitegrove Library. The Clerk again advised this had been reported in July and he would follow this up with BFC.

Cllr Ms Gierth reported to members that she had visited the Jealotts Hill Community Landshare and received a tour from David Putt.

**E119. Date of the next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Tuesday 27 September at 7.45pm

**E120. Closure of the meeting**

The meeting closed at 8.51pm