

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting held on **Tuesday 28 February 2017** at **7.45 pm** in the Parish Office

Present:

Councillors Ms Gierth (Chair), Dr Barnard, Fitzwilliams, Ms Healy and Ms Thorin.

Cllr Towle joined the meeting later.

In attendance:

Jason Mawer, Parish Clerk

E153. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

E154. Declarations of interest and dispensations

Cllr Dr Barnard declared a standing interest as a town and borough councillor.

E155. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 30 January 2017 had been previously circulated to members. Subject to minor correction it was proposed by Cllr Ms Healy, seconded by Cllr Ms Thorin and RESOLVED by members present to approve the minutes of the meeting of 30 January 2017.

E156. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

Cllr Towle joined the meeting.

E157. Allotments

Members were updated on the Quelm Lane Allotments. Work on the licence had progressed and changes had been agreed with Bracknell Forest Council. The Allotment sub-committee had determined a start date for the contractors, Smallwoods. The sub-committee had asked the Clerk to write to properties on The Splash and to the new school site advising of the start of works.

Work on the waiting list was continuing with 50% of the records checked. The sub-committee asked the Clerk to draw up a timetable for the project with a target of 1 September 2017 for first lettings.

E158. Climate Change Action Plan

Members reviewed the existing climate change action plan.

Members discussed revisions and updates to the plan and the Clerk was asked to bring the amendments to the next meeting of the Environment committee. The committee agreed that the revised plan would then be opened for consultation.

E159. Events

a. Vegetable take and grow

Cllr Ms Healy advised members that further offers to grow seedlings for the Take and Grow event had been received.

b. Warfield & Winkfield Cycle Ride

A date for the event was confirmed as Sunday 25 June.

c. Litter Picks

It was noted that the Warfield Environment Group litter pick was taking place on Saturday 4 March.

d. Gardening competition

Arrangements for the Gardening Competition were discussed. There would be two categories of entry for 2017; 1. Best front garden, 2. Best display in a pot or hanging basket.

The Gardening Competition would be launched at the Take and Grow event.

E160. Items for information

There were no items for information.

E151. Representatives Reports

Cllr Dr Barnard advised members that BFC had decided to reintroduce street and pavement weeding for 2017/18.

Cllr Fitzwilliams advised members that work was taking place on the Cabbage Hill SANG car park to clear sight lines and for the installation of signage.

E152. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 28 March at 7.45pm.

E153. Closure of the meeting

The meeting closed at 9.14pm