

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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

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

In attendance: Jason Mawer, Parish Clerk

E164. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Fitzwilliams and Towle.

E165. Declarations of interest and dispensations

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

E166. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 28 February 2017 had been previously circulated to members. It was proposed by Cllr Dr Barnard, seconded by Cllr Ms Healy and RESOLVED by members present to approve the minutes of the meeting of 28 February 2017.

E167. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

E168. Allotments

Members were advised that the contractors, Smallwoods, had started work clearing and fencing the site.

The Admin team in the Parish Office were continuing work in updating the waiting list. Records had been checked against the Electoral Roll to confirm residency in the parish. The Clerk reported that of the 143 records checked, 79 were confirmed as still residing in Warfield, 57 were not registered and 7 had no contact details. All applicants with contact details would be sent a letter to confirm their details and confirm they wished to remain on the waiting list. An article would be included in the Wren asking those who may have applied, but had not received a letter to contact the Parish Office.

E169. Climate Change Action Plan

The updated Climate Change Action Plan was circulated to members ahead of the meeting and it was agreed that this document should be forwarded to full council for approval. The Clerk was asked to write a short introduction to accompany the paper.

E170. Events

a. Vegetable take and grow

Members considered the action plan for event and confirmed actions against the plan. The Clerk would arrange for the document to be circulated to appropriate members.

b. Warfield & Winkfield Cycle Ride

Volunteers were still required to marshal the event.

c. Gardening competition

There was no update for the Gardening competition.

E171. Items for information

The Clerk advised members that the coffee packaging recycling scheme was ending on 31 March. The council had signed up to a similar scheme to recycle biscuit wrappers, which would be extended to cover both Brownlow Hall and Whitegrove Community Centre. The new scheme would begin in April.

The Clerk had received information from NALC concerning their new Tree Charter. Members agreed to sign-up for the scheme aimed at promoting the planting and protection of trees.

E172. Representatives Reports

There were no representative reports.

E173. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 2 May at 7.45pm.

E174. Closure of the meeting

The meeting closed at 8.37pm