

# MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting held on **Tuesday 16 January 2018** at **7.45 pm** in the Parish Office

**Present:** Councillors Ms Gierth (Chair), Fitzwilliams, Ms Healy and Ms Thorin

**In attendance:** Jason Mawer, Parish Clerk

## **E207. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Dr Barnard and Towle.

## **E208. Declarations of interest and dispensations**

There were no declarations of interest made or dispensations requested.

## **E209. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of 7 November 2017 had been previously circulated to members. It was proposed by Cllr Ms Healy, seconded by Cllr Fitzwilliams and **RESOLVED** by members present to approve the minutes of the meeting of 7 November 2017.

## **E210. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

## **E211. Allotments update**

Members were updated on matters discussed at the Allotment Sub-committee prior to the Environment Committee meeting by Cllr Fitzwilliams.

The land transfer document had been updated to take account of changes proposed by the parish council. The intention is progress the agreement for signing by council at the meeting of 31 January 2018.

The planning application for the site has been submitted for consideration under reserved matters. The appointment of a contractor for marking out will be sought.

The tenancy and draft rules have been reviewed and will be forwarded to the Wellers for checking.E201.

The Clerk provided members with an update on the proposed Frost Folly works. The proposal is to apply a resin-bonded gravel surface across the area. Members were asked to consider the colour of the product and proposed two colour options, one for the car park and one for the remainder of the site. Members selected Brittany Bronze and Silver as their preferred options. scope of the consultation the Clerk would feed this back to the Parks & Countryside team.

## **E212. Events**

The Clerk advised members that the Take & Grow event was booked in to Whitegrove Community Centre on Sunday 29 April. Members discussed arrangements and parties to invite to the event.

The Family cycle ride was booked for Sunday 24 June. Marshals would be required for the event.

The Clerk would bring forward plans for the Gardening competition.

## **E213. Consultations**

Members were advised that the council had received the Draft Thames Basin Heath spatial document.

## **E214. Items for information**

Members were updated on the Chelsea Fringe proposals for Bracknell Forest.

The Clerk updated members on works at Frost Folly.

## **E215. Representatives Reports**

Cllr Fitzwilliams advised members that schools were being asked if they would like to take part in a project to grow and nurture saplings.

Cllr Ms Thorin told members about a recent article in 'The Telegraph' about new developments that were being built with "swift bricks", bat and sparrow boxes and house martin cups, while gardens are being planted with native shrubs to attract bees, help hedgehogs and encourage insects.

## **E205. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 27 February 2017 at 7.45pm.

## **E206. Closure of the meeting**

The meeting closed at 8.24pm.