

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 20th October, 2009 COMMENCING AT 8.30 P.M. IN THE MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY

Members Present: M.Frankish, (Chairman), R.Muir, (Vice-Chairman) G.Trickett, T.Green, P.Dainty, E.Padden, P.R.Dines, S.Hall.

1/ Declaration of Interest: Nil.

2/ Apologies: Nil

3/ Acceptance of Apologies: N/A

4/ Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Environment Committee, held on the 15th September, 2009 as previously circulated, be confirmed and signed as a true record of the business transacted.

PROPOSED: T.Green, SECONDED: M.Frankish. Vote: All in favour.

5/ Action arising from previous Minutes:

The Clerk had sent a letter re GPC's recommendations to Ms Penny Coates, Managing Director of East Midlands Airport re consultation invited from East Midlands Airport – re Noise Action Plan document.

6/ Bidwell Crescent Improvement:

M.Frankish reported work on the Bidwell Crescent verges had commenced in September, 2009 and would be completed by the end of October, 2009. M.Frankish had a list of suitable plants to fill the new planters. E.Padden suggested involvement of the Bidwell Crescent residents in the planting scheme.

G.Trickett reported he had attempted to rectify the flooding outside the Gotham Garage by suggesting the Bidwell Crescent work incorporated improvement to the unsatisfactory drainage outside the Garage. The Highways Department had agreed to install a drainage grate within the next three to four weeks. I. Parker of Highways had confirmed that traffic crossing the grass verge was illegal and therefore could not be dealt with by the Council.

7/ Village Sign:

G.Trickett had obtained information from Mr. E. Neville, of Leake Road re his engineering works. He specialised in aluminium engineering but could manufacture in steel as the village sign would require. The agreed price of £12,000 was below market price. The base would cost approximately £150 from Highways. G.Trickett would check for underground cabling in the area of the proposed site. The Clerk would obtain a planning application form from RBC. (Cost £75). T.Green and G.Trickett would arrange a meeting with Mr. Neville for further discussion. G.Trickett had been unable to meet Don Charlesworth but would arrange to do so as soon as possible.

8/ Community Speed Watch/Mobile Speed Camera:

P.Dainty reported six speed gun sessions had been run during the previous week. Seventy two motorists had been caught travelling over the 30m.p.h. speed limit. Three new members had been trained in speed gun use and joined the team of volunteers. R.Muir reported the Police Superlag meeting had concerned the problem of speeding throughout the Borough. The Police did not have enough resources to concentrate on speeding issues unless they were to be treated as top priority. A Superlag meeting would be held every three months to assess the area of crime most important to residents in Rushcliffe. (Main agenda item).

G.Trickett had instructed an engineer re the mobile speed camera which would not switch on. A battery had been purchased from Gotham Garage at a cost of £85.

9/ Budget for 2010/11/Business Plan for Finance Consideration

Budget papers for the year 2010/11 had been circulated.

PROPOSAL: Acceptance of the Environment Budget for the year 2010/11 (£6,075.92)

PROPOSED: P.R.Dines SECONDED: R.Muir . Vote: All in favour.

10/ Tree Planting Update

M.Frankish had received confirmation of a £175 contribution from RBC for tree planting.

Three quotations had been received for maintenance work to the Railway Walk and tree planting. The Clerk would contact S.Watson for a confirmation of his cost of tree planting as his quotation was vague. His charge of £460 for Railway Walk maintenance was agreed. Clerk to contact Delegate Services and M.Guest re their unsuccessful application for the work on the Railway Walk. Tree planting would be decided when S.Watson had satisfactorily confirmed his quotation.

Railway Walk Maintenance:

PROPOSAL: Railway maintenance would be taken from Capital Fund.

PROPOSED: T.Green SECONDED: G.Trickett . Vote: All in favour.

Tree Planting:

PROPOSAL: Acceptance of a quotation of up to £260 for tree planting.

PROPOSED: T.Green SECONDED: P.R.Dines. Vote: All in favour.

The Clerk would contact K.Thorpe to clarify whereabouts and usefulness of annual hedgecutting by D.Moss

11/ Any other Business:

The Clerk confirmed Matthew Archer of P & J Services, had carried out herbicide application to areas in The Square, etc as per specification. He had not, however, reinstated the pathway to Bidwell Crescent as she had requested.

T.Green reported the untidy verges on Moor Lane. Clerk to write to Paula Johnson of Highways re this problem.

M.Frankish reported that, due to the slippery surface on Stoney Lane, a horse had fallen over. As this lane is a public right of way, it was important for public liability insurance reasons for the surface to be safe. Clerk would email Paula Johnson.

S.Hall reported trees on the Recreation Ground had been 'crowned' by an unknown man with a chainsaw who approached the grounds, via Moss's field.

12/ Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Environment Committee would be held in the Library Room of the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, 15th December, 2009, at 8.30p.m.

Meeting closed at 10.05 p.m.