



## MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2023

Those present :

Chair : Cllr W Tinley

Vice-Chair : Cllr H Laws

Councillors : Cllr S Clough, Cllr C Lacey, Cllr J Sherman, Cllr J Windle

Officers : Mrs G Blank, Miss H Johnson

### **ENV163 Chair's Announcements**

- To receive the Chair's opening announcements.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **ENV164 Apologies for Absence**

- To note apologies for absence given to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

All members were present.

### **ENV165 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary & Other Interests**

a) To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and personal and prejudicial interests from members on matters to be considered at the meeting in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 (section 30 to 33). Officers are required to make a formal declaration about council contracts where the employee has a financial interest in accordance with the LGA 1972, s117.

None received.

b) To receive, consider and record Councillors requests for dispensation (Section 13 Localism Act 2011) in connection with items on this agenda. Applications for this must be made in writing to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

None received.

### **ENV166 Adjournment for Public Participation**

- To adjourn the meeting for 15 minutes to allow members of the public 3 minutes each to make representation on the business of the agenda for the meeting. No resolutions can be made under public participation.

A member of the public raised questions regarding the remedial tree work on the diseased Horse Chestnut Tree on the Village Green. The Clerk advised that the remedial tree work will be placed on a future agenda as the office are in the process of finding another tree surgeon for the work. The same member of the public requested an answer to the question raised at the last environment meeting regarding the full costs for the work carried out at the cemetery. The Clerk advised full costs will be published when all costs are known.

A member of the public requested update on the Anglian Water vehicle parked on the village

green. The Clerk responded that The Deputy Clerk has contacted Anglian Water, no response has been received yet.

**ENV167 Exclusion of the Press and Public - Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act) 1960**

- To consider and resolve any agenda items that require the exclusion of the Press and Public in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 for matters appertaining to confidential or exempt information.

**RESOLVED: That the press and public should be excluded from item 12b due to personal information being discussed.**

**ENV168 Minutes from the previous meeting**

a) To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2023.

Cllr C Lacey requested the Vice-Chair error on the draft minutes be corrected from Cllr C Lacey to Cllr H Laws.

b) To receive an update on any ongoing issues not covered as an agenda item (report attached).

**Allotments**

Two notice to quit letters were sent out on the 25th September 2023, giving the tenants one months notice to remove all items from the plots.

Two other ploholders who were sent notice to improve letters have made significant improvements.

**CCTV**

At the meeting of Full Council on 24th July it was resolved that the installation of CCTV was approved as per the recommendation and the office is currently waiting for the outcome of a grant application to help fund the project.

**Cemetery Gates automation**

This is currently in progress:

1. A cubicle to house the meter has been fitted
2. National Grid have installed the cables
3. E-on fitted the electricity meter on the 6th October.
4. Electric supply not fitted as of yet - an electrician has been arranged to enable connection. An installer has been arranged to automate the gates.

**Norwood**

An application to Derbyshire County Council for a licence to drop the kerb at the entrance to the playground has been made.

An application to Derbyshire County Council for a licence to install a new noticeboard near to the roundabout by the Sandwich Junction has been made.

**Speed Indicator Devices**

The SID's are ready to be installed, currently waiting for Derbyshire County Council to remove some signs from the posts where SID's are being placed.

**Trees**

The tree surgeon who had been commissioned to do the essential tree work on Parish Council land has unfortunately had to withdraw his quotation due to health reasons. The office is currently in the process of contacting alternative suppliers.

**ENV169 Community bus**

- To consider the options and cost implications of the Parish Council running a community bus (report attached).

Cllr C Lacey commented that a route towards Crystal Peaks would be beneficial. Cllr Tinley suggested looking into contacting businesses for advertisement and sponsor purposes. Cllr Laws suggested looking into a hire company to combat cost implications.

The Clerk advised the Deputy Clerk is currently waiting for responses from companies.

**RESOLVED: The Community Bus to be added to the next agenda to receive any updates or information regarding companies responses.**

**ENV170 Budget**

a) To consider and approve the budget requirement for 2024/25

Councillors considered the draft budget and made some amendments.

**RESOLVED: The budget for 24/25 is approved.**

b) To consider whether to increase the allotment annual rent for 2024/25

Councillors discussed the item and agreed due to the cost of living crisis there should be no price increase.

**RESOLVED: No increase to be made to the annual allotment rent for 2024/25.**

**ENV171 Cemetery**

- To consider and approve any further action to be taken with regards to the cemetery tap, following unsuccessful attempts to reduce the flow with a restrictor valve.

**RESOLVED: All members agree no action to be taken on the cemetery tap.**

**ENV172 Birchlands**

a) To consider and approve the siting of and type of play equipment to be installed at Birchlands, following the site visit on 4th October 2023 (examples attached). If approved the office will seek to obtain quotations for the specific type of play equipment required.

Councillors were asked to choose their preferred items of play equipment to allow the office to obtain quotes. All members agreed the equipment should be age appropriate to pre-school aged children.

**RESOLVED: The office to obtain quotes for structures approved by members.**

b) To consider and approve the installation of and siting of goal posts and a basketball net at Birchlands. If approved the office will seek to obtain quotations.

Councillors discussed the proposal and agreed quotes need to be obtained.

**RESOLVED: Approved for the office to obtain quotes for goal posts at Birchlands.**

**ENV173 Neighbourhood Plan**

- To consider and approve the tender document from Andrew Towlerton Consultants for the

preparation of the Killamarsh Neighbourhood Plan - Phase 1

The Clerk asked for committee approval to apply for funding to cover the costs.

**RESOLVED: That the tender document is approved, the office to apply for funding.**

**ENV174**

**Allotments**

a) To consider and approve whether to recommend the creation of new allotment plots at Belkane, following the site visit by the Committee on 4th October 2023.

Councillors discussed the recent site meeting which included a discussion of the proposal. All were in agreement that the project would not be cost effective.

**RESOLVED: All members in agreement to not go ahead with the creation of new allotment at this current time due to cost.**

b) To consider and approve any action following an appeal by an allotment tenant against a notice to quit.

An appeal has been received by a tenant against a notice to quit decision made by the office. Councillors considered all the evidence and agreed that in this instance, the tenant had been given sufficient time and that the decision should stand.

It was agreed that the Allotment Policy be revised to include more involvement of committee members and included as an item for the next agenda.

**RESOLVED: That the notice to quit notice stands.**

**ENV175**

**Items for discussion for a future agenda**

- Grounds Contract
- Community Bus
- Tree Policy
- Allotment Policy - to include members being involved in inspections and taking the final notice to quit decision.

**ENV176**

**Date of the Next Council Meeting**

- 15th November 2023

The meeting closed at 7:37pm.