



MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH 2024

Those present :

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

Officers : Mrs J France

ENV220 Chair's Announcements

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee, Cllr Clough Chaired the meeting.

ENV221 Apologies for Absence

Apologies have been received from Cllr C Lacey and Cllr W Tinley and the reasons given were accepted.

ENV222 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.

ENV223 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.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

ENV224 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 members of the press and public should be excluded from agenda item 12b due to personal information being discussed.

ENV225 Minutes from the previous meeting

a) To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on 14th February 2024.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 14th February 2024 are a true and accurate

record.

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

The Deputy Clerk had provided a written report with updates of ongoing items.

There had since been a further response from Derbyshire County Council regarding a request by the Parish Council for extra safety measures on the road approaching Killamarsh Infants, due to an increase in cars speeding past the school. The reply said that the location did not meet any of the collision criteria required at the present time for the introduction of speed reducing measures in addition to the zebra crossing already in place. Cllr Clough agreed to follow this up further with Cllr Charlotte Cupit, the cabinet member for highways at Derbyshire County Council.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Clough would speak to Cllr Cupit at DCC about the issues with speeding outside schools in Killamarsh.

With regards to the update on locations for the ANPR cameras Cllr Clough has three locations, but for the fourth, the ideal location is on a lamppost that is currently overgrown with trees, so the camera would not be able to get accurate readings. The Committee asked if the Office could find out who the trees belonged to so they could be asked to have them pruned to clear the lamppost.

RESOLVED: That the Deputy Clerk would try and find out who owned the trees on Rotherham Road near to the entrance to Veolia.

ENV226 Litter & Dog Bins

- To consider the installation of a new dog bin on Beech Crescent following a request from a resident. The cost would be £364.76 + VAT, plus an ongoing charge for emptying of £4.26 per empty.

All members agreed that this was an appropriate location for a dog bin and that there was some money set aside in the budget for this.

RESOLVED: That the installation of a new dog bin on Beech Crescent is approved.

ENV227 Parks and Open Spaces

a) To consider a request from a resident to improve the play area at Belk Lane with regards to repairing the zipwire, painting the goalposts and brightening up the faded play equipment.

The committee wanted to ascertain with NEDDC why the zipwire had been taken out of action and if a repair was possible or if not what the cost would be for having it removed. The Deputy Clerk said that the Handyperson should be able to repaint the goalposts. With regards to a general brighten up/painting of the equipment, it was decided to arrange a site visit so that the committee members could get a better idea of what needed doing.

RESOLVED: To contact NEDDC about the zipwire; to ask the Handyperson to paint the goalposts; to arrange a site visit for the Committee to the playground.

b) To consider what actions are needed to take forward the development of a playground at Highmoor.

The Committee asked the Deputy Clerk to speak to NEDDC about the availability of s106 monies related to the development at Woodall Way and to check with CISWO to ensure they had no objections to a play area being created on their land at High Moor that the Parish Council lease. The Committee would like local schools to be involved in the design of the play area, once appropriate fundings and permissions were in place.

RESOLVED: To contact NEDDC regarding s106 funding and CISWO regarding any necessary permissions to use the land.

ENV228 Policies

- To consider and approve the KP3 CCTV Policy.

RESOLVED: That the KPC3 CCTV Policy is approved by the Committee and will now go to Full Council.

ENV229 Climate Change

- To consider and approve the installation of solar panels on Killamarsh Community Hub from the updated quotes received. Killamarsh Parish Council have recently been successful in their application for up to £15,000 from Derbyshire Environmental Trust for the installation of solar panels to help address environmental issues and climate change.

Quote three was the preferred option for the following reasons: It is a local company; having a local base reduces the carbon footprint for both the installation and for attending site in future; a clearer breakdown of costs and savings was provided on the quotation and in communications received from the company; the company has the most positive online reviews for products and services.

Cllr Windle asked if the installation of mesh around the panels be considered to protect the panels from damage.

RESOLVED: That Navitas Solar Installations Ltd are approved to install solar panels on Killamarsh Community Hub, subject to final approval by the funding body.

RESOLVED: To look into the provision of mesh that could be installed at the same time as the panels so the scaffolding could be utilised.

ENV230 Memorial Gardens

a) To consider and approve a planting scheme for the central space at the Memorial Gardens where there used to be a cherry tree.

A recommendation and quote had been received for a ground cover shrub, with flowers in Spring and berries in Autumn. The quote was approved as very reasonable, but there was some concern that the berries may be toxic so the office was asked to go back to the suppliers for an alternative.

RESOLVED: That a similar non-toxic shrub at the same price was approved if available.

b) To consider an appropriate memorial or plaque for the central space at the Memorial Gardens.

The Committee said that before the cherry tree had been removed from the space there had been a plaque in place dedicated to the person who gave the land at the Memorial Gardens to the Parish Council and therefore a similar plaque would be suitable.

RESOLVED: To establish the whereabouts or wording of the previous plaque and to reproduce it as necessary.

ENV231 Cemetery

a) To consider an amendment to the permit application form to clarify the permitted memorial height at Killamarsh Cemetery.

It was agreed that the amendments by NEDDC made the measurements and maximum height of headstones and memorials clear. Cllr Clough asked that the following point be added in the notes to memorial masons section: "Should the Memorial Masons act outside of the rules it is wholly

their responsibility to rectify any issues immediately and to manage the process with as little upset and inconvenience as possible to those involved"

RESOLVED: That the amendments are approved subject to the inclusion of the additional wording.

b) To consider a further response from the company who installed two recent memorials at Killamarsh Cemetery which exceed the permitted height.

This item was discussed in closed session due to the sensitive nature of the personal data involved.

RESOLVED: The Committee agreed to adhere to the request from the memorial masons company in this instance with the proviso that from now on the NEDDC specified height of all memorials was strictly adhered to.

ENV232 Items for discussion for a future agenda

- A damaged bench at the top of Long Lane
- Leasing Birch Park from NEDDC
- Establishing the plans for playgrounds at the Westthorpe development site from the building contractors and NEDDC.

ENV233 Date of the Next Council Meeting

- 10th April 2024

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.