



MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE 2024

Those present :

Chair : Cllr W Tinley

Vice-Chair : Cllr H Laws

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

Officers : Mrs J France, Miss H Johnson

ENV249 Appointment of a Chair

Cllr C Lacey nominated Cllr Tinley and Cllr Sherman seconded the nomination. All councillors in favour.

RESOLVED: Cllr Tinley is elected Chair of the Environment and Climate Change Committee.

ENV250 Appointment of a Vice Chair

Cllr C Lacey nominated Cllr Laws and Cllr Tinley seconded the nomination.

RESOLVED: Cllr Laws is elected as Vice Chair of the Environment and Climate Change Committee.

ENV251 Chair's Announcements

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ENV252 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr J Windle.

ENV253 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.

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.

ENV254 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.

No members of the public wished to speak.

ENV255 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 allotment update report from the site visit in Item 8b is discussed in closed session due to personal details.

ENV256 Minutes from the previous meeting

a) To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on 10th April 2024.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 10th April 2024 are a true and accurate record.

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

Allotments

The site visit was discussed in closed session and appropriate action was agreed.

Birchlands

The Deputy Clerk provided an update that the office are still waiting for a quote after a site visit with the a contractor to install a tarmac surface for the basketball net as the supplier of the football and basketball nets do not install. The Deputy Clerk suggested the football goalposts could be purchased and installed separately while the office awaits the tarmac surfacing quotation for the basketball net.

A member of the public raised concern for how the installation of this equipment could bring further parking issues. Cllr Clough advised that any parking issues could be reported to the Derbyshire County Council parking enforcement team.

Hedgehog Highways

An update was given that the Hedgehog Highways bundle had arrived and the office had received a response from two schools with interest in taking part. The Deputy Clerk asked if any councillors wished to deliver these to the schools. Cllr Tinley and Cllr C Lacey said they would like to attend when a date is confirmed.

RESOLVED: The office to contact the schools to arrange a date and time for the visit.

Precinct

The Deputy Clerk mentioned that there are two trees in the precinct which are dead or dying and that these have been reported to the landowner representative, who confirmed they would address the issue.

ENV257 Budget

- To consider the spending priorities for 2024/25 in line with the allocated budget.

The Deputy Clerk discussed the available budget and it was agreed that grant funding would need to be sought for projects such as playground equipment at Birchlands and a new playground at Highmoor.

RESOLVED: That the project spending priorities for 2024/25 are the CCTV (partially grant funded), the Village Green planters, a tree survey, a notice board at Norwood and the entrance path installation at Belkane Park.

ENV258 NEDDC: Streetscene Review

- To consider any areas in Killamarsh that would benefit from additional cleaning by the NEDDC Streetscene team.

Cllr C Lacey said that litter picking checks on gennels require more attention. Cllr C Lacey also asked the office to report/check the current state of footpath 83/24 around Church View as it appears to be in a mess. All councillors agreed that more regular checks on highway gully cleaning along with graffiti removal and staffing levels require more attention from NEDDC.

RESOLVED: To respond to NEDDC on the discussed areas for more attention and for the office to report footpath 83/84 to Derbyshire County Council.

ENV259 Bus Shelters

- To consider and approve the installation in bus shelters of mental health messaging posters from Derbyshire County Council.

RESOLVED: The installation of mental health messaging posters from Derbyshire County Council are approved.

ENV260 Signage

- To consider the installation of signage at the Memorial Gardens and the Village Green to more clearly designate them as community spaces.

Councillors agreed a simple plaque for the gate at the Memorial Gardens would be suitable. Cllr Laws mentioned installing a historic information plaque in the future.

RESOLVED: That the office obtain quotes for a Village Green and historic information sign and that a Memorial Gardens sign is approved up to a budget of £150.

ENV261 High Moor

- To consider the installation of a carved wooden memorial to High Moor Colliery at the request of the resident that has created it (photo attached). NB. There is already a memorial plaque at High Moor for the colliery that was recently unveiled by the Heritage Society.

Cllr Clough questioned if this should be sent to Killamarsh Heritage Society for consideration as they have recently unveiled a memorial plaque at High Moor for the colliery. All councillors agreed.

RESOLVED: That the office contact the resident to inform them this will be passed to Killamarsh Heritage Society for consideration.

ENV262 Birchlands

- To consider a request from a resident to remove or significantly trim back a hedge at Birchlands that is infringing on his property as he would like to install a fence on his border (photos attached).

The resident, who attended the meeting, stated he had attempted to significantly trim the hedge back a few years ago, but was requested not to throw the cuttings onto the park as it could be a health and safety risk. Cllr Tinley mentioned the possibility of disturbance to wildlife if the hedge was completely removed. All councillors agreed that if the hedge was removed in the future, something smaller should be put back in place for the wildlife and the hedge should be significantly trimmed in the meantime to allow the resident to install the fence.

RESOLVED: That the office ask the grounds maintenance contractor to trim back the overgrown hedge.

ENV263 Items for discussion for a future agenda

- Biodiversity/Climate Change talk from NEDDC officer
- Climate Change Policy
- Flood Strategy

ENV264 Date of the Next Council Meeting

- Wednesday 7th August 2024.

The meeting closed at 8:02pm.