

# **WHEATPIECES PARISH COUNCIL**

## **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**ON WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021 AT 5.00PM**

**AT THE WHEATPIECES COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Meredith, Cllr. Reid, Cllr. Millett, Cllr. Pullen, Cllr. Shyamapant

**IN ATTENDANCE:** T Shurmer (Clerk)

### **MINUTES**

#### **213/ENV – THE ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE WHEATPIECES PARISH COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Cllr. Meredith was nominated

**Proposed: Cllr. Reid    Seconded: Cllr. Pullen**

**Agreed**

#### **214/ENV – THE ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE WHEATPIECES PARISH COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Cllr. Reid was nominated

**Proposed: Cllr. Meredith    Seconded: Cllr. Shyamapant**

**Agreed**

#### **215/ENV - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public in attendance

#### **216/ENV - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence

#### **217/ENV - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Millett – 221/ENV

#### **218/ENV -CONTRACTS**

Members held a discussion on the way forward for the renewal of the following contracts:

- Grass cutting around the Community Centre and other areas as specified
- Gang mowing of Jenny's field
- Maintenance of the verges on the entrances to the estate on Monterey and Snowdonia Roads
- Weed spraying of the estate
- Litter picking in areas specified

After consideration Members agreed the renewal of all the contracts should be for a three-year period and that the existing contractors should be requested to provide a quotation for this period in addition to placing an invitation to tender on the Parish website and noticeboards.

The quotations/tenders should be requested for Members' consideration at the Full Council meeting scheduled for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021.

**Action: Clerk to invite existing contractors for grass cutting, gang mowing, verge maintenance, weed spraying and litter picking to provide a quotation for a three-year period and place an invitation to tender on the Parish website and noticeboards.**

#### **219/ENV – LITTER AND DOG WASTE BINS**

- A request from a local resident for the installation of a dog waste bin on the tarmac footpath that runs parallel with the Woodland Walk was considered by Members. Following a discussion, it was agreed to monitor the area for six months.
- Members were advised that the replacement steel liner requested for the litter bin on Woodpecker Walk has been replaced. Members agreed to check if the replacement steel liner requested for the litter bin opposite 60 Clifford Avenue has also been carried out.
- Members were advised that a dog waste bin located on the link road on the new estate on the left-hand side just off the roundabout has not been secured and the slabs it has been placed on are moving.

**Action: Clerk to report the insecure dog waste bin on the link road to Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC)**

- Members were advised that the dog waste bin located in Rudgeway Lane on the walkway behind the new houses is constantly overflowing as it is not large enough and not emptied regularly.

**Action: Clerk to report to TBC**

- Members were advised that the hedgerow on the walkway adjacent to Cornflower Close at the back of the new houses is very overgrown and the overgrowth containing brambles is covering the street lighting on this public footpath making it very dark

**Action: Clerk to report to Gloucestershire County Council Highways (GCC)**

#### **220/ENV – JENNY'S FIELD**

Members were advised that maintenance works are required to the copses to make the areas visible on the borders the Parish Council are responsible for on Jenny's field. Cllr. Meredith will obtain quotations for these works for Members' consideration.

**Action: Cllr. Meredith to obtain quotations for maintenance works to the copses on Jenny's field**

#### **221/ENV – WAKEMAN CLOSE**

Members were advised that the public open space (POS) in the middle of Wakeman Close is in the process of being adopted by TBC. Members were also advised that the trees in the centre of this POS are very large and require remedial works. Cllr. Meredith will enquire with TBC if the adoption has taken place and if so, advise Cllr. Millett of the contact details of Officers at TBC.

**Action: Cllr. Meredith to enquire with TBC if the adoption of the POS in Wakeman Close has taken place and advise Cllr. Millett accordingly**

#### **222/ENV – GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (GCC) HIGHWAYS WINTER WORKS**

Members were requested to advise Cllr. Meredith of any winter works that required action by GCC Highways for consideration at a forthcoming meeting with the Local Highways Manager. The following works were raised:

- The annual cutting back of the hedgerows in Rudgeway Lane
- The trees in the walkway behind Holmoak Close require works to the lower branches

- Overgrowth encroaching onto the public footpath/cycleway behind two properties in Lime Road

### **223/ENV – NOTICEBOARDS**

Members were requested to consider the way forward for the replacement of the Parish noticeboards. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the replacement noticeboards need to be durable, and that Cllr. Meredith, the Clerk and the Community Centre Manager will look into the requirements, costing etc. for Members' consideration in the budget for 2022/2023.

**Action: Cllr. Meredith, the Clerk and the Community Centre Manager to look into the requirements and costing of replacement noticeboards for Members' consideration in the budget for 2022/2023**

### **224/ENV – PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SEMINAR**

Members were given a summary of the Parish and Town Council Seminar held at TBC on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021. The main topic of discussion was planning. Attendees were also advised of the main Environmental issues reported to TBC, as dog fouling, littering, abandoned vehicles and fly tipping. A question was raised on how to deal with nuisance parking, the advice was for residents to take photos and forward them to TBC and the Police, in addition to a polite request in the Parish newsletter.

### **225/ENV – TREES FOR THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**

Members considered the offer from The Honourable Company of Gloucestershire of two English Oak trees for planting in celebration of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 and agreed to accept the offer to plant these trees on Jenny's field. Members requested for the trees to be delivered to the Community Centre and Cllr. Meredith and Cllr. Reid will organise the planting on behalf of the Parish Council.

**Action: Clerk to accept the offer of two English Oak Trees**

**Action: Cllr. Meredith and Cllr. Reid to organise the planting of the trees on behalf of the Parish Council.**

### **226/ENV - CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence had been received

### **227/ENV – MEMBERS REPORTS**

A query was raised regarding the street sign in Coromorant Avenue

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Full Council Meeting**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 5.00 pm**

at the Wheatpieces Community Centre (in the main hall to accommodate social distancing)

The meeting closed at 5.50pm