

WHEATPIECES PARISH COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

ON THURSDAY 21ST JULY 2022 AT 7.00PM

AT THE WHEATPIECES COMMUNITY CENTRE

PRESENT: Cllr. Meredith, Cllr. Reid, Cllr. Saunders, Cllr. Millett, Cllr. Dempster,
Cllr. Shyamapant

IN ATTENDANCE: T Shurmer (Clerk)
E Rust (Clerk)

MINUTES

228/ENV – THE ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE WHEATPIECES PARISH COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr. Meredith was nominated.

Proposed: Cllr. Reid Seconded: Cllr. Dempster
Agreed

229/ENV – THE ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE WHEATPIECES PARISH COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr. Reid was nominated.

Proposed: Cllr. Meredith Seconded: Cllr. Shyamapant
Agreed

230/ENV - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

231/ENV - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Pullen.

232/ENV - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Millett – 235/ENV

233/ENV – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2021

The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Wednesday 6th October 2021 were approved.

Proposed: Cllr. Shyamapant Seconded: Cllr. Reid
Agreed

234/ENV – LITTER AND DOG WASTE BINS

Members were advised that a dog waste bin located by the MUGA has perished. Cllr. Reid advised of another, location to be confirmed. Agreed to approach Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC) for replacements.

**Proposed: Cllr. Meredith Seconded: Cllr. Dempster
Agreed**

235/ENV – WAKEMAN CLOSE

- The Land Director, Bloor Homes confirmed Act of Adoption is with TBC.
Action: Cllr. Meredith to chase the officers at TBC for an update on adoption
- The main issue for the residents is overhanging branches from the trees which are snapping and could cause damage. As the area is Green Open Space it needs to be managed otherwise there could be a risk of the trees needing to be felled.
**Action: Cllr. Reid to report to overhanging branches to TBC on their website
Action: Cllr. Millett to contact the Tree Preservation Officer**

236/ENV – GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (GCC) HIGHWAYS

Following a meeting held by Cllr. Meredith with the Land Director, Bloor Homes and the new Local Highways Manager, the following points were discussed:

- Bloor Homes are currently working with GCC and TBC regarding the adoption of a small piece of land near the roundabout.
- An agreement is in place between GCC and TBC for TBC to cut the highway verges on the estate. GCC pay TBC to carry out x2 cuts per year.
- GCC will reimburse the Parish Council £1,000 towards the weed spraying carried out on the estate & up to £210.00 for the maintenance of the highway verge borders in Gadwell Road and Graylag Crescent. In addition, 4p per square metre for grass cutting highway verges.
- The Parish Council can authorise the bollard painting to be carried out by one of its contractors.
- GCC are due to refresh the road markings on the estate.
- GCC are carrying out works on behalf of TBC to lower the branches on the trees on the walkway behind Holmoak Close. Some have been done but not all and needs to be done asap.
Action: Clerk to report to GCC
- A stage 3 Road Audit is required to identify any issues before the road is opened joining the new link road with Starling Road.
- The Parish Council has received a subsequent report of cracks in the footpath/cycleway on Jubilee Way between the roundabouts at the junction of Snowdonia Road and Monterey Road in addition to various footpaths within the estate. Cllr. Reid advised that she has reported this.
Action: Cllr. Meredith to follow this up with Local Gloucestershire Highways Manager
- Cllr. Millett raised issue with the pavements with the pavements as a result of the fibre installation.
- **Action: Cllr. Meredith to follow this up with Local Gloucestershire Highways Manager**

237/ENV –THE QUEEN’S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

Consideration to purchase 2 stakes from the Royal British Legion Industries at a cost £25.00 per stake, to support the plaques for the English Oak trees recently planted.

Proposed: Cllr. Meredith Seconded: Cllr. Reid

Agreed

Action: Clerk to purchase 2 stakes

238/ENV - CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence has been received.

239/ENV – MEMBERS REPORTS

- Terms of Reference were raised and discussed. Members agreed the need to amend the Addendum to note 3 members required.

Action: Clerk to amend the document accordingly

- Cllr. Meredith mentioned Tewkesbury Music Weekend running from 22nd July to 24th July 2022
- Cllr. Meredith discussed document forwarded from Cllr. Millett regarding the Electric Vehicle charge points. The document is a questionnaire and needs to be completed by as many people as possible to express our interest.

Action: Clerk to distribute the document to all members

- Cllr Saunders raised the idea for a Community Environment Project to use Community Centre Garden and surrounding Green Open Spaces to grow suitable planting to aid British Bees and the possibility of introducing bird and bat boxes into the area. Most of the green spaces are owned by Tewkesbury Borough Council so they would need to be approached. Also noted whether we could obtain some advice from a relevant charity on the matter and could it be considered in conjunction with the Nature Reserve. All in favour of the idea and agreed to investigate and take further.

Action: Cllr. Saunders to investigate further and formulate a plan for the next Environment Committee Meeting

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 22nd September 2022 at 7.00pm
in meeting room 2

The meeting closed at 7:45pm