

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF
THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
held on Monday 8 April 2019 at 19:00
at The Loft, Dersingham Village Centre**

Present: Cllr B Anderson, Cllr C Shepherd, Cllr B Hopkins, Cllr J Houston & Cllr V Brundle

In Attendance The Clerk

136 Apologies

It was resolved to accept apologies for Cllr Frost, Cllr Haizelden and Cllr Bubb.

137 Declarations of Interest

None received.

138 Minutes of the Recreation & Environment Committee Meeting held on the 14 March 2019. It was resolved for the minutes to be signed by the Chair as a true record after the following amendment. Min no 123 should read vired not vied.

139 Rangers

The Clerk advised that she had reported the footpath between Saxon Way and Tudor Way as the vegetation is overgrown and collecting rubbish.

140. Current Financial Position

The Clerk handed round the budget sheet. Please see attached. The Clerk asked if the War Memorial maintenance budget of £250.00 could be vired to the New Year as this was the monies for the replacement sleepers for the War Memorial . **It was resolved to recommend to Full Council that the budget for the War Memorial Maintenance budget for 19/20 be increased by £250.00.**

Cllr Judd advised the Clerk that he would be standing down from the PPG and as soon as a price is received for the new bus stops please inform him so that he can make the donation available.

141 Streetlight Energy Contract

a) To receive Quotes

The Clerk advised that she had been advised that the contract for the energy would need to be extended to accommodate the Village Centre build energy costs but had been advised that the Council were now out of contract. The Clerk had gone out for quotes and had advised that the quotes received so far would mean a substantial increase and currently it was better to stay out of contract. The Clerk advised that she had been advised that this was the way with another supplier. The Clerk to advise of costs once all quotes were received.

b) Streetlight Maintenance

The Clerk advised that the current contract is up for renewal at the end of June. Cllr Anderson advised that he would recommend to Full Council that the contract is renewed for another three-year term due to problems incurred by previous

contractors and the current contractor has undertaken the role without problem for the last six years. **It was resolved on exceptional grounds for the contract be renewed for another three-year term.**

142 Areas of Responsibility

(a) **Bus Shelters/Bus Stop**

Nothing to report.

(b) **Streetlights**

See Min 141.

The Clerk emailed the Parishioner to pin point the position on Manor road but had not received a reply.

(c) **Grasscutting**

The Clerk advised that one cut had been achieved.

(d) **Cleaning**

Nothing to report.

(e) **Litter bins**

The Annual Litter pick is set for Sunday 19th May 2019 and the Clerk confirmed that the equipment etc was ordered. The Clerk advised that she had received a complaint about the amount of rubbish in the dyke behind L & H Homes. **It was resolved for the Clerk to contact L & H Homes and ask if they would consider clearing as previously.**

(f) **Seats and Benches**

Nothing to report

(g) **Dog waste bins/sponsorship –**

The Clerk had chased she had not received a reply from one but the other two are currently looking into the sponsorship. The Clerk felt that because no money was asked for last year and the posters not removed they might believe that they can obtain another free year.

(h) **Footpaths and Walkways.**

The Clerk advised that she had asked Mr English to undertake the shingle. Cllr Hopkins advised that Mr English was currently trying to get the shingle delivered in bulk by a friend and his trailer because it is cheaper.

(i) **Tree Warden**

Cllr Anderson advised that the new Elms on the Recreation Ground are currently in flower and would need watering for another year at least. **It was resolved for the Clerk to get Mr English to start watering again.**

(j) **General Village Environment –**

Cllr Brundle advised that there was a large pot hole in Post Office Road. **It was resolved for the Clerk to report to Highways.**

The Clerk reported that an email had been received from a Parishioner regarding the state of the verge in Manor Road opposite the Church where vehicles were turning and running over the verge which was now damaged. **It was resolved for Cllr Anderson to speak with the Parishioner and explain the situation.**

143 Mapping

Cllr M Shepherd had undertaken a teaching session with staff, the Clerk advised that she was using but had come up with an area where the Parish had undertaken a survey on the trees, but Cllr M Shepherd had found out that the area was owned by the Borough Council. The Clerk had asked that the trees are removed from the Parish Inventory. Cllr C Shepherd advised that Cllr M Shepherd wanted to talk with the Borough Council before removing.

144 The Warren

Cllr Anderson advised that he has started and felt that a Quadrat Survey was needed first to undertake what was present. The Clerk advised that Norfolk Wildlife Trust would undertake surveys. Cllr Anderson advised that he was going to a meeting involving the Norfolk Wildlife Trust in the coming weeks and would ask the question. **It was resolved for Cllr Anderson to ask.**

145 Risk Assessments

The Clerk advised that it was on-going.

146 Recreation area

a) Letter from NCC Highways re Village Green - Drainage

The Clerk advised that she had asked Ms Bettinson regarding lining the pipe, and Ms Bettinson advised that the pipe was compacted with roots and lining was not possible.

147 War Memorial & War Memorial Gardens

The Clerk advised that she had asked for a quote to undertake the one bed but had not received as yet. **The Clerk to chase.**

The Clerk advised that the current maintenance contractor contract was up for renewal. Cllr Brundle advised that herself and Cllr Houston had agreed to undertake at Full Council. **It was resolved for the Clerk to advise the contractor that the contract would not be continuing and thank him for his undertakings.**

148 Skatepark

Cllr Hopkins and Cllr Shepherd had attended a recent meeting with group and the next stage was to obtain prices. They advised the committee that the v part of the design would need to be closed up as it was too wide and would impinge the football pitch. **It was resolved for the Clerk to obtain quotes as per the contractors list advised. It was also resolved for the Clerk to check out the legal aspect regarding the Village Green Status.**

149 Correspondence –

Nothing to report

150 Items for the Website.

Nothing at this time.

151 Items for inclusion at next Meeting

Same agenda

152. Date, time and venue of next meeting

Monday 20 May 2019 at 7.00pm in The Loft, Dersingham Village Centre.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 20:15pm.