



Minutes of a meeting of the **Community & Environment Committee**, held on **Tuesday 7th June 2016** at the Sambrook Centre.

Present: Councillors: J Loveridge (Chair), Mrs J Loveridge, R Breeze, Mrs L Hogger, S Parr, M Randle, G Sinclair

Also Present: Mrs G Bailey, Parish Clerk/RFO, Mrs V Brain (taking Minutes)

Public Open Session

There were no members of the public present.

CE/16/01 To elect a Chair for the year 2016-2017

Cllr J Loveridge was nominated by M Randle and seconded by S Parr. It was **agreed** to elect J Loveridge as the Chair of the Community & Environment Committee for the year 2016-2017.

CE/16/02 To elect a Vice Chair for the year 2016-2017

Cllr M Randle was nominated by J Loveridge and seconded by Mrs J Loveridge. It was **agreed** to elect M Randle as the Vice Chair of the Community & Environment Committee for the year 2016-2017.

CE/16/03 To receive apologies and declarations of interest in non-pecuniary matters.

Apologies were received from A Watkin (family commitment) and accepted unanimously.

There were no declarations of interest in non-pecuniary matters.

CE/16/04 To receive the minutes of the last meeting of the Neighbourhood Services Committee held on Tuesday 3rd May 2016.

a) NS/15/97/b Resurfacing at the children's play area on Cherrington is going to cost £1,231.25, less £300 contributed by Cllr C Furnival from his Ward Fund.

b) NS/15/100/a Telford & Wrekin Council has not agreed to the removal of the trees around Plot 18.

c) NS/15/100/c J Loveridge spoke to Chris Hallam(not Dave Ottley) regarding the fly-tipping on Brookside. Mrs Bailey will be attending a meeting on Friday 10th June 2016 to discuss joint working with the police regarding persistent fly-tipping in Brookside. She will report back to Full Council.

d) NS/15/100/d The slurry filling on local footpaths reported by S Parr is still a problem.

It was proposed by S Parr, seconded by G Sinclair and **agreed** to receive the minutes of the last meeting of the Neighbourhood Services Committee. The Chair signed the minutes.

CE/16/05 **To receive the Clerk's Report**

a) Bus Shelter Brookside Avenue

Mrs Bailey will report the full costs of the work required following the damage done to the bus shelter to Full Council.

b) PET Scheme Funds

It was noted that as at 1st June 2016, having included the expenditure on the Cherrington Play Area, the balance of the PET Scheme Fund was **£8,191**.

It was **agreed** to receive the Clerk's Report.

CE/16/06 **To consider and agree a proposal for work to improve paths at the Madebrook Pools at a cost of £1,200 + VAT, to be funded from PET Scheme Funds.**

The paths become very muddy in winter and are used a route to the school. The proposed work includes supplying hardcore, edging boards, pegs and labour and machinery.

It was proposed by R Breeze, seconded by Mrs J Loveridge and **agreed** unanimously to fund the path improvement work through the PET scheme funds.

CE/16/07 **To consider a grant application under section 137 of the Local Authority Act 1972**

a) KASAPA MEDIA – for a family fun day

It was proposed by R Breeze, seconded by G Sinclair and **agreed** to **reject** the application. S Parr abstained from voting.

CE/16/08 **To consider notes from the Allotment Tenants Meeting held on 23rd April 2016 and consider action required:**

a) Creation/extension of car parking area

Mrs Bailey will talk to Telford & Wrekin Council about extending the car parking area.

b) Water logging on the site

The Community & Environment Committee needs to consider what long term measures can be taken to improve drainage.

c) Review of policies and decision making in regard to the allotments site

Since the Allotments Sub Committee no longer exists, there is a need for a scheme of delegation for different levels of decision regarding the allotments. It was proposed that decisions affecting the whole allotment site should be considered by the Community & Environment Committee, while matters affecting individual plots could be resolved by Parish Council staff. J Loveridge and M Randle said that they were happy to continue visiting the allotments once a month, reporting back to the Clerk. G Sinclair offered his assistance.

d) Policy for the letting of plots

Mrs Bailey will draft a policy for the letting of plots, to be considered at the next Community & Environment Committee meeting.

CE/16/09

To receive councillors' reports on matters relevant to this committee:

a) G Sinclair – is concerned that unofficial fishing is going on by the swan's nest on Holmer Lake near Tadorna Drive.

Paths around Holmer Lake are under water or in a bad state.

b) S Parr – has had to report multiple fly-tips on Brookside in recent weeks. He is concerned that there is no enforcement of fly tipping legislation. Mrs Bailey reminded councillors that she would be attending a meeting about fly tipping on Friday 10th June.

c) R Breeze – is concerned that motorists who do not wish to pay to park when visiting the Town Park (or walking through the Town Park to the shops) are parking in unsuitable places such as on bridle ways and on narrow roads near the Town Park. Mrs Bailey has written to Becky Eade about this matter and has received a response. Signs to the car parks at Dark Lane and Grangemere will be put up and directions to those car parks will be included on the website for the Town Park.

Becky Eade has offered to visit the Parish Council to talk about parking.

d) M Randle – is also concerned about fly tipping on Brookside.

e) Mrs J Loveridge - said she was pleased to see the new plants on the Brookside roundabout.

f) G Sinclair – is concerned that TWS are not removing side bags when emptying the litter bins in the lower car park at Holmer Lake.

Mrs Bailey will discuss the above-mentioned concerns when she meets with Chris Hallam.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.45 p.m.

Clerks Report: Community and Environment Committee

1. Play Areas

I have instructed repairs to one of the ramps at Brookside Skate Park as it was unsafe: total cost £500 plus VAT.

Aaron has undertaken repairs to the Titan swing; costs for required parts £96

2. Bus Shelter Brookside Avenue

On 30th April a parish council bus shelter (number 14 opposite Bournbrook Gardens) was hit by a car, fortunately no one was injured. The shelter was made safe by Amey the next day on the instruction of Telford & Wrekin Council. The parish maintenance team has removed the remainder of the brick work. Telford & Wrekin highways will make good the pavement. The father of the driver of the car has contacted me to find out the cost of repair as he is more prefer to settle rather than make an insurance claim.

I am waiting to find out costs from Telford and Wrekin, I am waiting to hear from the Police officer investigating

The shelter is one of the ones which is now redundant since the change in bus routes; the Parish Council / Telford and Wrekin council would have had to bear the cost of demolition at some point.

3. Cherrington Urban Play Area

Final costs for the area will be as follows:

Resurfacing work: £550

Surface marking: £681.25

Less contribution £300

Cllr C Furnival

Total £931.25

4. Pot Your own Day

Well done to everyone for their hard work at Pot your own Day we raised a total of **£137** for Rays of Sunshine who arrange holidays and treats for terminally ill children.

5. PET Scheme Funds

PET Scheme Expenditure as of 1st June 2016

Income

Balance brought forward from 2015/16 9,122

Expenditure

Cherrington Urban Play Area 931

Balance 8,191

Funding for Financial Year 2016/17 has been allocated to planting on the Brookside Roundabout