

Community and Environment Committee

Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 7th February 2017 at 6:00pm, at the Sambrook Centre.

Present – Councillors J Loveridge -Chair, T Bate, Mrs L Hogger, S Parr, and G Sinclair.

Also Present: Mrs G Bailey (Parish Clerk/RFO) and Mr C Corbett (Committee & Finance Secretary) – taking the minutes.

Public Open Session – there were no members of the public present at the meeting.

CE/16/67 APOLOGIES –Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs J Loveridge (illness) and Cllr M Randle (another engagement) and Cllr R Breeze (illness) which were accepted unanimously.

Note : Cllr A Watkin was also not present.

CE/16/68 MINUTES

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee held on 10th January 2017 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

CE/16/69 ACTION

The Clerk stated that there were no further actions to be reported from the last meeting.

CE/16/70 COMMUNITY PROJECT OFFICER REPORT

The Committee received a report from the Community Project Officer that outlined a number of current project and initiatives that were being conducted and planned in the Parish.

The Clerk commented that the role of the Community Project Officer had been enhanced to include the newsletter production, numerous events planning and coordination of the newly appointed library volunteers.

The report focused upon Brookside Big Local meetings undertaken, the recruitment of various library volunteers, the events planned for the Brookside Events Group event in February aided by Celebrate Lottery Funding, the newly published parish Newsletter, the Parish website and Social Media output, Youth Provision and the various Parish Council events planned for the coming year.

Members made particular comment on the proposed “Cinema Experience” on 21st February which they considered to be a valuable and inexpensive opportunity to view feature films in a cinema setting.

CE/16/71 PET SCHEME FUNDS

The Parish Clerk reminded Members of the allocation of £850 for a repair to the Information Board at Madebrook Pool. Since then the Board had been further vandalised and a replacement sturdy metal Lectern design would be £1124. Therefore a further £274 was sought from the Environmental Matter budget.

Members considered the request, and the Cllr S Parr proposed and Cllr Mrs L Hogger seconded and the Committee subsequently **RESOLVED that a further £274 be allocated from the Environmental Matter budget for the replacement of the Madebrook Pool information board.**

CE/16/72 TREE WARDEN SCHEME

The Clerk reported that she had received an e-mail from Matt Seabrook asking the Parish Council whether it would be interested in developing a Tree Warden Scheme.

Cllr Sinclair expressed a particular interest in the subject, as he was an existing Tree warden for the Parish, and the Committee therefore wished to express support for the Borough wide scheme proposed by Mr Seabrook.

CE/16/73 LICENCING CONSULTATION

The Committee received information and considered a consultation document from the Telford & Wrekin Council Licensing Officer regarding the Street Trading policy.

Members supported the Street Trading principle and agreed the suggested amendments to the policy contained within the document.

CE/16/74 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee received details of and consider the following planning application from Telford & Wrekin Council

TWC 2017/0049 – Units 4/5 Stirchley District Centre. – Application for the installation of a shop front and new exhaust system.

During consideration of the application Members expressed strong support for the proposals that they considered would enhance the District Centre.

It was proposed by Cllr S Parr and seconded by Cllr L Hogger and subsequently, unanimously **RESOLVED that support be registered to the planning application for the installation of a shop front and new exhaust system at Units 4/5 Stirchley District Centre.**

The Clerk also reported that a request had been received from Telford & Wrekin Council to consider an enhancement of the Pre Application Advice Service available to applicants for planning permission. Members agreed that support be shown for the proposals

CE/16/75 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

The meeting received Councillors' reports on matters relevant to the committee.

- a) G Sinclair – reported upon a number of local issues including :- surface water flooding at Holmer lane, overgrown vegetation at Fedorna Drive, path at holmer lake in front of the school with a broken drain causing overflowing, Holmer Lake school pond overflow pipe causing issues on the adjacent lane, the bridge over Madebrook had icy surfacing during cold spells causing slippy conditions, Holmer lane covered with leaves, and the Maple trees in Holmer lane were overgrown.

The Clerk stated that she was to meet with Keith Slater the following day to

discuss, amongst other matters, the issues raised by Cllr Sinclair.

- b) Cllr T Bate – incidents of fly tipping in the area could be combated by the issue of leaflets indicating the issues caused by flytipping (particularly in different languages).
- c) Cllr S Parr – Unauthorised advertising by a local paving contractor, dog mess and abandoned food matter on a local grassed area, the path to the doctors was uneven and presented an issue to wheelchair users and the illegal of motorbike use in the area.

Meeting finished at 6.52 p.m.

Chair

Date