

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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

Present – Councillors J Loveridge -Chair, R Breeze, M Randle – Vice Chair, Mrs L Hogger, S Parr, G Sinclair and A Watkin

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/16/77 **APOLOGIES** –Apologies were received from Cllr T Bate, (prior engagement) and Cllr Mrs J Loveridge (Borough Council duties) which were accepted unanimously.

CE/16/78 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee held on 7th February 2017 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

CE/16/79 **ACTION**

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

CE/16/80 **CLERK'S REPORT** –

The Clerk reported that the Brookside Week of Celebration had been a very successful event. The week-long series of events included a Business Expo, a cinema themed event, a Family Arts & Crafts Day and a Tea Dance.

The Tea Dance was particularly successful with a large number of participants

The Chair commented that the Saturday Extravaganza was also very successful and the String of Pearls entertainment was particularly well received by a large attendance. enjoying the entertainment provided by the group “String of Pearls”

Forthcoming events included a learning Festival on 24-28 April and an Environment Day planned for 24th June.

CE/16/81 **P.E.T. SCHEME**

The committee considered a report that outlined the current Pet Scheme expenditure position for the year and the balance available for the allocation of projects in 2017/18.

A number of potential projects in the area were suggested by the Parish Clerk and included hand rails at steps at Ludford Drive Pond, potholes at Holmer lane, paths at Madebrook Pools, alley at Badger Close/Norton Drive.

Cllr Sinclair suggested the paths be resurfaced with woodchip rather than tarmac or concrete as less expensive to the parish.

Cllr Watkin commented upon a misuse of Stirchley Village lane by motorcycles and suggest some traffic calming measures.

It was proposed by Cllr R Breeze and seconded by Cllr J Loveridge and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED that the following schemes be included in the list of potential PET Scheme project for 2017/18 :-**

- **Holmer Lake/Tadorna Drive path resurface**
- **Stirchley Village lane traffic measures**
- **Madebrook Pools path drainage measures**
- **Ludford drive steps hand rail – more competitive pricing process required.**
- **Badger Close path – determination of ownership/responsibility**

CE/16/82 LITTER BIN ROUTES – GUIDANCE

The Committee received a report, for information, from the T&W Service Delivery Manager for Neighbourhood & Environmental Services. The report outlined the nature and location of every Litter Bin in the Parish, together with the frequency of emptying planned.

CE/16/83 AIRSPACE CONSULTATION

The Parish Council had received a consultation document that sought a response to an “Airspace Consultation” in relation to flight approaches to the Halfpenny Green Airport.

The proposal introduces defined routes to be flown in poor weather using ‘Instrument Approach Procedures’ and one of the proposed approaches to the airport runway was over the Stirchley area.

There were no anticipated effects on local air quality or noise levels (flights will be arriving at over 2,000’). Furthermore, there were no plans to develop the site further or to turn the airport into a major commercial airport.

Members had no major objections to the proposals but did raise a possible future concern over the frequency and time of operation of flights over the Parish.

CE/16/84 GRANTS

The Committee considered the following grant applications under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972:-

- a) **Age UK (Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin)** –application for funding towards an “Afternoon of Entertainment” at Oakengates Theatre for the older population of Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin.

Members commented upon the apparent positive financial position of the national body of Age UK and felt that the Parish Council was unable to assist with funding at the present time.

It was proposed by Cllr J Loveridge and seconded by Cllr M Randle and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED that the application be refused.**

- b) **Telford Chin Woo** – application for a six week Chinese Martial Arts & Culture Course during after school club at Windmill Primary School in Brookside.

It was proposed by Cllr J Loveridge and seconded by Cllr G Sinclair and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED that the application for £200 grant funding be approved.**

CE/16/85 PLANNING APPLICATIONS - To receive details of and consider the following planning applications from Telford & Wrekin Council

- a) There were no applications to consider.

- b) There were no further planning applications, received for consultation, after publication of the agenda.

- c) There was no information of decisions taken by Telford & Wrekin Council relating to planning applications in the Parish.

CE/16/86 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

The following Councillors' reports related to matters relevant to the Committee.

- a. Cllr Sinclair commented upon some litter around the Madebrook pools and the Clerk explained that the litter pick had been cancelled to enable such an exercise to be undertaken by the Grange park school as part of an environmental education visit but such had been cancelled due to poor weather. The litter would be collected next week as part of the regular litter pick rounds of the PET team.
- b. Cllr Sinclair requested that the local Angling Association be contacted about the depositing of fishing related litter at local pools – the Clerk agreed to “tackle” the issue.
- c. Cllr Watkin commented about an articulated lorry reversing into the woodyard and causing damage to the road surface
- d. Cllr Breeze – fly tipping correlated to the HMOs as most within 20yds of an HMO in the Brookside area.
- e. Cllr Parr commented that at Beaconsfield the skips were full and had been set on fire. He had asked T&W for fly tipping statistics but no info had been received. Beaconsfield had become the worse area in the Borough for fly tipping and the Clerk suggested that various surveillance measures were being considered by the Borough Council.
- f. Cllr Parr – grass verge at Briarwood has been churned up by vehicles
- g. Cllr Loveridge – Parish road direction signs had been damaged.

Meeting finished at 7.32 pm

Chair

Date