

THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – SEPTEMBER, 2017

Meeting of the Environment Committee held on Tuesday, 19th
September, 2017 Commencing at 8.30 pm in the Weldon Room.

Members present: Councillors, G. May, (Chairman) P. Bower, (Vice-Chairman), C.Dabell, J.M.F. Royce, S. Kent, J. Youatt, J.P. Anderson, (ex-officio).

1. Apologies: D. Bexon, A. Clayworth (ex-officio).

2. Acceptance of Apologies: PROPOSED: G.May SECONDED: P. Bower. All in favour.

3. Declaration of Interest: Nil.

2. Minutes of previous meeting:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Environment Committee, held on the 18th July, 2017 as previously circulated, be confirmed and signed as a true record of the business transacted..

PROPOSED: P. Bower SECONDED: J.M.F. Royce. Vote: All in favour.

3. Progress Arising from the Minutes:

Item 5. Railway Walk – J.M.F. Royce had strimmed the ditch adjacent to the BT building.

A. Howick would weed kill the weeds at the bottom of the ditch, invoicing GPC for the chemicals and work.

Item 13: Village Verges – G. May awaiting a meeting with NCC re schedule of routine verge mowing. K. Thorpe and County Councillor A. Brown to be present to agree on priority areas.

Item 14: Cuckoo Bush Mound – The Cuckoo Bush Mound has been pruned and cleared by A. Urry at a cost of £280. We will be discussing with St. Gobain whether they would prefer to clear the mound themselves or fund GPC to clear it. In the meantime, it was agreed that the Cuckoo Bush Mound should be pruned twice yearly in May after the bluebells have died and again in October.

Autumn Bulbs – As agreed earlier in the year, the Clerk had purchased 500 daffodil bulbs to be planted along Leake Road, between the New Rectory and the roundabout, outside Gotham Primary School, adjacent to the seat, the island on Gypsum Way, beyond the school and the verge adjacent to the Leake Road island.

4.Railway Walk:

G. May had drawn up a spreadsheet of pruning and clearing jobs along the Railway Walk to be carried out during May and October every year.

PROPOSAL: The Clerk to seek a quotation from A. Urry.

PROPOSED: G. May SECONDED: P. Bower Vote: Six in favour, one against.

The picnic table and bench had been vandalised. Clerk to ask A. Urry for a quotation to repair.

5.Progress on Noticeboard:

No estimates for refurbishing the noticeboard had been forthcoming following appeals to village carpenters. The Clerk to ask P. Hunt for a quotation.

6. Finger Post to Gotham Nature Reserve:

G May had been asked by the Trustees of the Gotham Nature Reserve that the finger post at the Nottingham Road/Brickyard junction have a new sign to incorporate the Gotham Nature Reserve/SSSI with be the Bridleway. The Clerk is to ask NCC.

7. Christmas Tree:

C. Dabell confirmed a Christmas Tree would be donated and erected free of charge.

Details of the electrical contractor to be supplied by C. Dabell.

Christmas Carols & Tree Lighting to take place on 9th December.

The Clerk has begun the application for the Seasonal Decoration from NCC and will apply for the closure of the Square on December 9th.

8. Matters to Report:

J.M.F. Royce had regularly watered the two new trees planted in The Square.

P. Bower queried the owner of the Nottingham Road ditches as rats had been sighted.

J. Youatt reported an increase in dog mess left on the Recreation Ground. A threat to ban dogs from the Recreation Ground might influence dog owners to clear up dog mess. (Facebook comment).

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on the 17th October, 2017 at 8.30 p.m. in the Weldon Room of the Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed: 9.00 p.m.

Issue 2.