

THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – OCTOBER, 2017

Meeting of the Environment Committee held on Tuesday, 17th
October, 2017 Commencing at 8.30 pm in the Weldon Room.

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

1. Apologies: D. Bexon **Absent:** C.Dabell

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

3. Declaration of Interest: Nil.

4. Minutes of previous meeting:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Environment Committee, held on the 19th September, 2017 as previously circulated, be confirmed and signed as a true record of the business transacted..

PROPOSED: J.P. Anderson SECONDED: S. Kent. Vote: All in favour.

5. Progress Arising from the Minutes:

Item 3. Autumn Bulbs – The Clerk had distributed 500 daffodil bulbs to Councillors willing to plant them 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.

Item 4: Railway Walk/Cuckoo Bush Mound – A. Urry had been invited to tender for cutting the Railway Walk and Cuckoo Bush mound during May and October 2018. No price received, to date. J.M.F. Royce suggested using Roundup on the weeds to prevent the need for strimming the nettles and to save the cost. (further discussion at the next meeting).

Item 4: Picnic Table: The picnic table and bench had begun being repaired by D. Healey.

Item 6. Finger Post to Gotham Nature Reserve: The Clerk had asked NCC to supply an additional finger post direction to the GNR to the one situated outside 13 Nottingham Road.

Item 7: Christmas Tree: The Clerk had submitted an application to close The Square on the 9th December, 2017 during the Christmas Carol singing event. NCC also require a TTRO form with ordnance survey map showing the road closure area.

6. Environment Budget:

Horizon contractors had asked for a 3% rise for mowing during 2018/19. G. May suggested going out for competitive tender. The Recreation Ground mowing jobs could perhaps be simplified on the specification after an inspection by P.R. Dines, E. Perrell and G. May. (next agenda)

7. Progress on Noticeboard:

P. Hunt had quoted £565 to repair the noticeboard with new windows and back panels.

PROPOSAL: Acceptance of noticeboard repair quotation of £565.

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

8. Speeding:

The speed monitor was proving popular as a means of slowing traffic through the village. J.P. Anderson had spoken to the manufacturers in Kentucky, re the possibility of the existing model (Guardian Speed Sign) being fitted with a solar panel box to help save the battery and collect the speed data. J.P. Anderson to ask for a quotation for these additions. Questions on speeding to be collated for the Neighbourhood Plan.

9. Tree Charter:

Borough Councillor S. Matthews had sent details of the Tree Charter whereby GPC can register to plant one of 800 Legacy Trees to be planted across the U.K.

PROPOSAL: Clerk to register GPC for the Tree Charter.

PROPOSED: G. May SECONDED: P. Bower. Vote: All in favour.

10. Matters to Report:

Clerk to ask Streetwise to collect fly tipped polythene from Gypsum Way.

Clerk to report potholes at both ends of Meadow End.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on the 21st November, 2017 at 8.30 p.m. in the Weldon Room of the Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed: 9.15 p.m.