

GOTHAM PARISH COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – OCTOBER, 2018

Meeting of the Environment Committee held on Tuesday, 23rd October, 2018 Commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the Weldon Room of Gotham Memorial Hall.

Members present: Councillors, G. May, (Chairman) P. Bower, (Vice-Chairman), J.M.F. Royce, B. J. Walker, C. Dabell, A. Clayworth (ex-officio) (arrived at 9.04 p.m.)

In attendance: Borough Councillor R. Walker (from 8.00 p.m.)

1. Apologies: S. Kent, J. Youatt, D. Bexon.

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

2. Declaration of Interest: Nil.

3. Minutes of previous meeting:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Environment Committee, held on the 25th September, 2018 as previously circulated, be confirmed and signed as a true record of the business transacted, with the following amendment: **Pg. 1. Item 4. Progress Arising from the Minutes - Item 5. Railway Walk: re word as follows:** 'J.M.F. Royce confirmed the old post and rail Railway Walk boundary fencing, between the two new sections of lapboard fences and behind the houses built on the former school canteen site, is the property of GPC'.

Pg. 2. Item 9 Litter clearance of Gypsum Way: after 'ditch' add 'litter'.

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

4. Progress Arising from the Minutes:

Item 12: Matters to Report:

The Gas: The Clerk had met Jim Hatchett of RBC Rights of Way Officer (representing byways, twitchells and unadopted roads), who has added The Gas to the list to be resurfaced. Tree roots have raised the tarmac in several places.

The budget for repairs, for the whole Borough, has been reduced by 20% per year down from £40,000 to £30,000.

Winter Gritting Salt: The Clerk had ordered five 20kg. bags of salt from the NCC free scheme to be placed into the old Post Office grit bin.

5. Mowing Contract 2019/20:

Tenders had been sought from four Contractors. Site visits ongoing.

Horizon Landscapes had not yet informed the Clerk of next year's costs.

6. Environment Budget 2019/20:

PROPOSAL: £4, 503.00 (Mowing figures to be adjusted, as required).

PROPOSED: J.M.F. Royce SECONDED: G. May. Vote: All in favour.

Borough Councillor R. Walker arrived at the meeting at 8.00 p.m.

7. Railway Walk Working Party:

The Working Party arranged for Saturday, 13th October, was cancelled. S. Watson, assisted by Councillor M.F. Raven, burned the prunings and brash from the gate from the Brickyard to the picnic table, on Saturday, 21st October. G. May asked for a letter of thanks to be sent to S. Watson.

A. Clayworth arrived at the meeting at 9.04 p.m.

8. Turning Mirrors on Leake Road.

A parishioner had recently installed two mirrors next to the Highway on Leake Road. As this is illegal* and following several complaints from the public, Via of NCC removed them. The parishioner has been advised to re-site them higher up and behind the hedge for which permission has been granted by the landowner.

*The Department of Transport do not allow mirrors on the highway 'as they pose a visual obstruction and can be misread'.

9. Flood Committee Report:

A Flood Committee meeting was held on the 15th October, 2018. Borough Councillor R. Walker had discussed the ongoing problem of ditch and culvert clearance at the property of the late B. Lochhead with S. Humphreys, neighbour of the property. This is proving difficult to carry out due to lack of knowledge of the property's new ownership. Other riparian owners of adjoining ditches are being sought to clear ditches up to the old Railway line on Gypsum Way C. Dabell confirmed a working party would commence clearance work, in conjunction with NCC carrying out culvert clearance under Leake Road.

NCC had confirmed, the ditch on Moor Lane is to be improved on the 2nd November, 2018.

10. Replacement Bin by Bus Shelter:

The Clerk to write to Nottingham City Transport to ask for a replacement litter bin to be installed next to the new bus shelter, outside the Bus Depot.

11. Boundary Signs: refer to the next meeting.

12. Bulb Planting: defer until next year.

12. Matters to Report:

Royal British Legion Poppies: J. Taylor and S. Watson to tie poppies to village lamp posts.

Cemetery large Yew Tree: C. Dabell suggested, the large yew tree in the Cemetery should have a Tree Preservation Order imposed on it due to its age. The Yew tree is in good health, despite a few dead branches which are shortly due for removal.

G. Neil had reported, the grave refurbishment cannot be completed by before Christmas 2018.

Remembrance Day March 11/11/2018: The Clerk reported, the RBL Committee had asked GPC's assistance with finding ten marshalls to stop the traffic during the Remembrance Day march from St. Lawrence Church to the Memorial Hall. (Marshall volunteers, to date: M. Coles, A. Clayworth, B.J. Walker, J.A. Raven).

The Clerk had passed the wreath to be laid on behalf of Gotham Parish Council, to A. Clayworth. P. Riley to be asked whether another wreath is to be laid at the Memorial Hall.

Railway Walk Trees: G. May reported an RBC tree specialist is awaited to inspect the trees along the Railway Walk. Unhealthy trees to be replaced under the RBC Tree Scheme during 2019.

Flood Committee: C. Dabell confirmed, he is willing to serve as a member of the GPC Flood Committee.

13. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Environment Committee will be held on the 20th November, 2018 at 8.30 p.m. in the Weldon Room of the Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed: 9.30 p.m.