

GOTHAM PARISH COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – JANUARY, 2019

Meeting of the Environment Committee held on Tuesday, 22ND January, 2019 Commencing at 8.00 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, J. Youatt, S. Kent, A. Clayworth (ex-officio).

1. Apologies: Nil.

2. Declaration of Interest: Nil.

3. Minutes of previous meeting:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Environment Committee, held on the 20th November, 2018 as previously circulated, be confirmed and signed as a true record of the business transacted.

PROPOSED: P. Bower. SECONDED: C. Dabell. Vote: All in favour.

4. Progress Arising from the Minutes:

The Gas: The work to flatten and re tarmac over tree roots along the Gas had been undertaken.

Tree Preservation: The Clerk had not yet received confirmation from Tom Pettit, that the Cemetery Yew Tree and Oak behind the houses Nos:36-48 Kegworth Road, had been granted a tree preservation order.

Cadent: The Clerk had received information from Cadent contractors, that a sub-contractor Triio, had replaced unsightly tarmac left in place of three decorative slabs outside Clifton House, when gas work was recently undertaken. She had contacted Triio and sent photographic evidence of its shoddy work.

5. Replacement Bin by Bus Shelter (Outside Bus station).

The Clerk had asked NCT whether or not they would replace the rubbish bin, removed when a new bus shelter was recently installed. No response, to date.

Having researched the new bus shelter email advice, she had contacted A. Jones at Notts County Council with a request to replace the bin.

6. Railway Walk Winter Work Schedule:

J.M.F. Royce queried whether the correct procedure had been followed, re the Railway Walk tree removal contract. G. May confirmed, three quotations had been received, following an inspection by the Contractors who were given a verbal specification.

M. Guest had since carried out the work successfully at a cost of £300.

It was agreed to replace the removed trees with two crab apple trees, (one gold and one red) under the RBC Tree Planting Scheme. (Main agenda item).

Further tree replacement to take place in due course.

Clerk to send RBC Tree Scheme tree list to all Councillors.

7. Traffic Issues:

G. May reported, Borough Councillor Rex Walker had called a public meeting on the 19th January, 2019, to discuss village traffic issues. The meeting is to be attended by representatives from Notts County Council, the Police, School Headmistress. G. May has been invited to attend on behalf of GPC. Other Parish Councillors were asked to attend, if possible.

J. Youatt reported, she had seen the NCC camera van in the village but wasn't aware of any fines being administered.

Current traffic problems include the following:

- Excess speed adjacent to residential properties on Cheese Hill (possibility of moving the 30mph restriction further up Nottingham Road)
- Access onto Nottingham Road from Wallace Street, Meadow End, Chapel & Windmill Close
- Inconsiderate/Dangerous parking close to junctions above (possibility of yellow lines/residents scheme)
- Parking on Wallace Street, Meadow End, East St in general - possible blocking for emergency service vehicles
- Lack of parking provision on Chapel & Windmill Closes
- Possibility of using parking provision at Memorial Hall to alleviate some of the above
- Speeding through village in general
- Inappropriate parking on Kegworth Road and roads off during school drop off/pick up
- Pedestrian crossing issues on Nottingham/Leake Road, particularly in areas around Kegworth Road and near cemetery
- Parking issues on Orchard Close
- Lack of parking provision on Leake Rd
- Access onto Leake Road from Eyres Lane and Orchard Close.
- Excess speeds on entrance to village from Leake (proposal for vehicle activated speed sign near Hill Road)

8. Dog Fouling Posters:

G. May has received several complaints and suggested another poster warning to irresponsible dog owners who let their dogs foul the village pavements and bridle-paths. The posters should carry a stronger warning, possible using the picture of a child with dog faeces on its face and hands. G. May to obtain cost for 20/30 posters.

9. Date of Litter Pick:

2nd March 2019 at 10.30 a.m. at the Well House.

M. Wilkins to be asked to post the date on the Village Community Website. Posters to be put up around the village.

B.J. Walker queried use of law preventing the throwing of litter out of a moving vehicle. Does RBC prosecute offenders?

10. Matters to Report:

Stolen Manhole Cover: The Clerk had reported to NCC, a missing manhole cover at the bottom of Soldiers' Lane.

Listed Buildings: C. Dabell called for the Cuckoo Bush Public House and the Pill Box to be listed. (Main agenda item).

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Environment Committee – Tuesday, date to be arranged.

Meeting closed: 9.12 p.m.