

THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – JUNE, 2019

Meeting of the Environment Committee held on Tuesday, 25th June, 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Weldon Room.

Members present: Councillors, G. May, (Chairman) J. Youatt, (Vice-Chairman) C. Dabell, J.M.F. Royce, B. J. Walker, L. McAulay, S. Kent.

Absent: M. Duggan.

1. Apologies: Nil.

2. Declaration of Interest: Nil.

3. Minutes of previous meeting:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Environment Committee, held on the 28th May, 2019 as previously circulated, be confirmed and signed as a true record of the business transacted, with the following amendment: Add 'S. Kent' to list of members present.

PROPOSED: B.J. Walker. SECONDED: J. Youatt. Vote: All in favour.

4. Progress Arising from the Minutes:

April Minutes: Item 7: Appointment of Tree Warden: C. Dabell was unable to attend the first meeting of the Tree Wardens held on the 22nd June, 2019.

Item 8: Kegworth Road Sign: G. May to speak to Lester French of Via, re a replacement boundary sign for Kegworth Road plus its preferred siting on the boundary of Gotham.

J.M.F. Royce advised, that the boundary sign on The Ridgeway should actually be sited on the corner of the junction with Bunny Lane.

Item 9: Dog Fouling Poster: No progress. M. Wilkins had suggested poo patrols whereby dog walkers are asked if they are carrying dog bags. Item in Gotham News.

Item 10: Notice Board Renewal: The Clerk had received a Broxap catalogue which showed suitable three part noticeboards. She will contact Paul Hunt, the carpenter who carried out recent remedial repairs, to ascertain whether he can further improve the present noticeboard.

Item 12: Buildings Listing:

Item 14: Recreation Ground and Railway Walk replacement litter bins: No progress – Broxap catalogue of styles to be researched.

5. Railway Walk Tree Planting/Ditch clearance and ongoing work (Work Party) Railway Walk Ditch:

The Clerk has ordered two crab apple trees under the RBC free tree scheme. The trees will be delivered to East Leake in October, 2019.

G. May to research whether the different species of trees the Countryside Trust wish to plant, are available.

A complaint had been received re the weedy ditch between the Telephone Exchange and the Railway Walk.

The ditch is not filling with water and is in no danger of overflowing. A working party with the brush cutter to meet in July to clear weeds. G. May had informed the householder concerned.

6. Building Listing:

M. Wilkins and C. Dabell progressing this difficult application to list the Pill Box and Cuckoo Bush Public House. The Clerk advised C. Dabell to contact M. F. Raven for further assistance, if required.

7. Tree Preservation Order:

Lester French of Via had responded to a request for TPO's on the Centenary Oak, off Kegworth Road and the Yew Tree in the Cemetery. The Oak is to be covered by a TPO but he advised that, as the Yew Tree is under the care of GPC, it is unlikely to be removed so does not require a TPO.

C. Dabell spoke in favour of the Copper Beech tree on the right hand side of the driveway to the old plant nursery on Leake Road, should be protected by a TPO.

8. Public Pathways:

Two 'No Cycling' notices had been purchased for either end of the Railway Walk. C. Dabell to affix.

The 'No Horseriding' sign has disappeared from the Brickyard end of the Railway Walk. C. Dabell will re fix a spare one. (The Clerk had another spare in storage).

9. Matters to Report:

Kegworth Road Hedge: B.J. Walker reported, the hedge opposite to the Old School, requires pruning back and weeding. Clerk to report to Notts County Council.

Ridgeway Hedge: The greenery from Rushcliffe Golf Club is overhanging the 40 m.p.h. speed sign on The Ridgeway. Clerk to report to Golf Club.

Moor Lane overhanging trees: A parishioner had emailed a complaint re overhanging branches on Moor Lane. The householder had been informed.

Bays: The Clerk to ask D. Healey to weed the bays in front of the Well House and Clifton House, The Square. The Clerk had weeded around the finger post outside the old Post Office.

Road Markings: B.J. Walker had received a complaint about faded road markings along Leake Road and Moor Lane. The street guttering requires cleaning. Clerk to report to NCC or via County Councillor A. Brown.

Fertiliser: A complaint had been received re a stockpile of treated human waste in a field adjacent to Kegworth Road in readiness for spreading on the fields. This causes an offensive smell to nearby householders. B.J. Walker to contact the Contractor concerned.

Church Clock: J. Youatt reported, the Church Clock chiming mechanism has been sent for re-alignment.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Environment Committee will be held on the 23rd July, 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in the Weldon Room of the Memorial Hall.

Meeting Closed at 8.30 p.m.