

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON
TUESDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7.00PM AT MILLFIELDS PAVILION**

PRESENT:

Cllr D Jackson
Cllr E McNeill (Chairman)
Cllr A Whyte

IN ATTENDANCE:

Miss J Bowd (Parish Clerk)
There were no members of the public present.

30. To receive Apologies for Absence.
Cllr S Mortlock -personal
Cllr J Neish - personal
31. To Receive Declarations of Interest relating to items on the agenda.
None
32. To approve Minutes of Meeting held on 17th September 2024.
Resolved: That the minutes be signed as a true and accurate record (Prop Cllr Jackson 2nd Cllr Whyte) All in favour.
33. Garden Plots.
33.1 To receive an update on general matters relating to the garden plots.
Cllr McNeill asked how vacant plots were allocated to those on the waiting list. Clerk explained that it in date order and dependant on whether or not the person is an existing plot holder or not.
Tree works to tree overhanging plot 1A to be added to quotes for cemetery conifers.
Noted
33.2 To consider quotes for repair or replacement of right-hand gate at entrance to the plots.
Resolved: That the quote from M Dear of £180 be accepted. (Prop Cllr Whyte 2nd Cllr McNeill) All in favour.
34. To approve Environment budget for financial year 2025/26
Resolved: That the budget be approved as Appendix A (Prop Cllr Whyte, 2nd Cllr Jackson) All in favour.
35. To consider quote from CCC Highways for PFHI – Signage Holywell Front.
Chairman asked Clerk to remind those present of the background to this matter.
Cllr Whyte felt that it may slow vehicles, but it would not prevent them driving straight onto the common land. He would suggest boulders to be placed on the common land.
Cllr McNeill agreed adding that it is a safety issue therefore a solution should be found. Clerk was asked if funding could come from CIL.
Resolved: That the Clerk obtain quotes for boulders and then take that matter plus the PFHI quote to full Council for approval for payment from CIL. (Prop Cllr Whyte 2nd Cllr Jackson) All in favour.
36. To consider quotes for the removal of Ivy – Rear of Needingworth village hall.
Members asked for more time to consider this matter. It was agreed to bring back to January meeting.
37. To consider possible requirement for works to trees common land Holywell Front and agree actions.
Photographs provided.
Willow opposite Friars- trunk eaten away considered urgent.
2 willows adjacent to the road considered a risk following recent problems adjacent to the Ferry boat. Cllr Whyte suggested pollarding them
Resolved: That quote be sought for removal of rotten willow tree.
Clerk seek guidance from the tree officer regarding the 2 large willows to see if pollarding would be permitted. If so quotes to be arranged. (Prop Cllr Whyte 2nd Cllr McNeill) All in favour.
38. To note report of dog eating cannabis Falklands Walk and agree any actions.
Cllr McNeill suggested bringing to the attention of the Police at the Coffee with a cop session on 28th November
Noted

39. Correspondence

- (i) To consider email from David Wilson Homes regarding emptying of dog waste bin Bluntisham Road.
Clerk confirmed that the bin is to be emptied every 2 weeks.
Clerk to ascertain who further complaints should be directed to.

Noted

40. Items to report

- Cllr Jackson reported an accident on RSPB site over the weekend which resulted in the resident being treated for a broken leg.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.40 pm

Chairman

Date