



MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE HELD ON 14 DECEMBER 2022

Those present :

Chair : Cllr W Tinley
Vice-Chair : Cllr S Clough
Councillors : Cllr S Jackson
Officers : Mrs J France

1 Chair's Announcements

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies have been received from Cllr C Lacey, Cllr M Potts, Cllr J Windle and the reasons given were accepted.

3 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary & Other Interests

a) To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and personal and prejudicial interests from members on matters to be considered at the meeting in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 (section 30 to 33). Officers are required to make a formal declaration about council contracts where the employee has a financial interest in accordance with the LGA 1972, s117.

None received.

b) To receive, consider and record Councillors requests for dispensation (Section 13 Localism Act 2011) in connection with items on this agenda. Applications for this must be made in writing to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

None received.

4 Adjournment for Public Participation

To adjourn the meeting for 15 minutes to allow members of the public to ask questions of the Parish Council. No resolutions should be made under public participation.

No questions were asked, but a member of Killamarsh Town Team who was present informed the Committee that additional defibrillator kits have been placed within all of the units.

5 Exclusion of the Press and Public - Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act) 1960

To consider and resolve any agenda items that require the exclusion of the Press and Public in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 for matters appertaining to confidential or exempt information.

RESOLVED: That no items on the agenda require the exclusion of the press and public.

6 Minutes from the previous meeting

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19th October 2022.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th October 2022 are a true and accurate record.

7 Clerk / Deputy Clerk's update

To receive a report on any ongoing items not on the agenda.

The Deputy Clerk went through her update:

Allotments

A public consultation in the form of a leaflet and plan of the proposed new allotment site at Birchlands has been delivered to residents local to the area to obtain feedback and comments, with a deadline of 22nd December 2022.

Feedback from five residents has been received so far which object to Birchlands as an allotment site because of issues around parking, loss of privacy, anti-social behaviour and spoiling the area for dog walkers and children playing.

Cemetery gates

Three quotes were requested for the installation of automatic gates at the cemetery. Two sent an initial reply and a request for further information, but have not as yet sent any quotes through.

RESOLVED: To forward on details of the companies to Cllr Tinley to chase up.

Defibrillators

The Defibrillators have now all been fitted and registered. The four locations are the Sandwich Junction, the Killamarsh Community Hub (CLOC Building), the Travellers Rest and the supermarket on Delves Road. The office have contacted St John's Ambulance with regards to putting on a community training session.

Cllr Clough asked if checks could be done to ensure the electricity supply to the units was secure and could not be switched off accidentally.

RESOLVED: To contact the locations of the defibrillators to do the appropriate checks as requested.

Bench at Birch Close

This has now been installed.

Linear Park

The benches will be removed by Christmas and as they are in quite a decayed state they are unsuitable to be repositioned elsewhere. Some tree saplings have been planted in place of the conifers that were cut down and the office will be looking at planting a native shrub or bush in the new year to improve the appearance of the area.

Dog waste bins

The seven new dog waste bins have been ordered via NEDDC. They have ordered the bins with an expected delivery date of 9th December 2022 and will look to arrange fitting as soon as possible after this date.

Killamarsh Community Hub (CLOC Building)

The office have requested that NEDDC place a new general waste bin near to the entrance of the building. The office has also placed a request with NEDDC to remove the graffiti.

CCTV

Three companies have been contacted to give quotes for installation of CCTV at requested locations and visits are being arranged.

Birchlands Entrance work

The office have received further communications with regards to the work and will be arranging for it to be completed as soon as possible.

Village Green

DCC have been contacted with regards to raising the curb around the Village Green.

Cllr Clough had recently received an email from DCC stating that the estimated cost of the kerbing work was £10, 000 and it would be considered for the next financial year, although it wasn't a priority due to the good collision record at the site. The Committee discussed whether the Parish Council could propose paying a contribution to the cost of the work, with agreement of the full council.

RESOLVED: To contact DCC to ascertain whether a contribution to the cost of the kerb work was possible and appropriate in this instance.

Cemetery SLA

The office is in the process of trying to arrange a meeting with NEDDC and will inform committee members of the date as soon as possible. Cllr Cough offered to contact the appropriate NEDDC Cabinet member to assist with this.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk is seeking advice from DALC/other local Clerks to identify some additional providers to progress this.

8 Speed Indicator Devices

To approve the purchase and installation of the Speed Indicator Devices based on the new quotes received.

The new quotations, which are very similar, were discussed and the Committee recommended that we go with SWARCO due to a longer guarantee period of 5 years, plus a cheaper cost for maintenance and moving of the devices as and when required.

RESOLVED: That the contract to install the SIDs devices be awarded to SWARCO

9 Church Clock

To consider and approve the proposal from Smith of Derby for a restoration of the North and South dials on the church clock at St Giles.

The restoration work on the clock was discussed and there was an agreement that before taking any decisions on what is a very expensive cost, the office should contact the church to ask what their plans are for completing any required maintenance work on the clock tower to get the church bells working. There was a concern that the investment in the restoration of the clock would not be prudent if the clock tower itself may be in a state of disrepair.

RESOLVED: That the office contact the church for an update on the maintenance of the clock tower and the church bells.

10 Norwood

To consider and approve the development of the play area at Norwood, based on quotations received and subject to a successful grant application from the NED UK Shared Prosperity Fund (deadline for applications 16th January 2023).

The three designs and quotations were discussed and the Committee recommended that the design and quotation from Kompan was the most appropriate, subject to some more detail of warranties and being able to amend the plan if required.

RESOLVED: That the development of the play area at Norwood by Kompan should be recommended to Full Council.

RESOLVED: That a grant application to the NED UK Shared Prosperity Fund be put in by the deadline of 16th January 2023.

11 Linear Park

To consider and approve a repair/replacement of the wooden boards around the wildflower meadow at Linear Park/Bridge Street which are in a bad state of repair.

The committee agreed that a replacement of the wooden boards was needed and suggested something in keeping with the natural environment be used, for example wooden sleepers or natural stone.

RESOLVED: That the office obtain some advice and quotations to replace the wooden boards around the wildflower meadow at Linear Park.

12 Items for discussion for a future agenda

- Lighting at Linear Park near to the bungalows
- Overhanging hedges at Linear Park near to the bungalows - the office to ask NEDDC for an update on the work that has not been completed.

13 Date of the Next Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Environment & Climate Change Committee is scheduled for Wednesday 18th January 2023.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm



Item 7 - UPDATE REPORT

TO:	Members of the Environment & Climate Change Committee
DATE:	31st January 2023
SUBJECT:	Information about ongoing issues not included on the agenda
REPORT AUTHOR:	Judy France [Deputy Parish Clerk]

Information about ongoing issues not included on the agenda

Purpose of Report: To update members with information about ongoing issues not included on the agenda

Allotments

Two plots have recently become vacant and have been let out to new tenants from the waiting list. The waiting list currently stands at 33.

A site visit took place on 11th January 2023. All plots were found to be in a good state. Five plots appear to have less than 50% of the plot under cultivation so the Office will contact the tenants to discuss.

Cemetery gates

The Office is still awaiting quotations for the automated gates.

Defibrillators

Defib4Life have confirmed that the installation of the electricity supply to the defibrillator in the Killamarsh Community Hub (CLOC Building) is standard. They are checking the other three locations as requested by the E&CC Committee on the 14th December 2022 to confirm they are all installed as standard. Defib4Life have offered to come and speak to Councillors about the installations if required.

The Town Team have since visited the sites to do their regular checks and they have found that at the Sandwich Junction the defib is plugged into a standard twin 13a socket, but is quite near to the ground and away from any prospect of accidentally being turned off. At the Travellers power is provided EXTERNALLY in conduit from a fuse board at the rear of the building so is very safe. At Rai's Delves Road it has a fused spur with neon (no switch) and is in a locked cabinet with the rest of the building power equipment so very safe.

The office has contacted Defib4Life again regarding the defibrillator at the Sandwich Junction.

Linear Park

The benches have now been removed. The edging around the wildflower bed will be replaced using a wood effect recycled plastic which is hard wearing as it will not rot.

For information, if any of the householders adjoining Linear Park who live in the bungalows belonging to Rykneld are struggling with garden maintenance they can apply for the grounds maintenance scheme if they fit the criteria.

The Office contacted DCC to ask if they can do a street lighting assessment at Linear Park. They replied and said that currently there is no funding for additional lighting, but this may change in the future when requests may be considered.

Dog waste bins

The seven new dog waste bins have been received by NEDDC and will be fitted over the next few weeks.

Killamarsh Community Hub (CLOC Building)

The office have requested that NEDDC place a new general waste bin near to the entrance of the building. The office has also placed a request with NEDDC to remove the graffiti. Both these requests have been followed up in January and we are awaiting a site visit from NEDDC.

CCTV

One visit took place in December and a quote has been received. Another visit has been arranged for 31st January 2023.

Birchlands entrance work

The work is scheduled to take place on 8th March 2023.

Village Green

DCC have responded to the request to raise the kerb at Westthorpe Road/Green Lane around the Village Green. The cost for this is estimated to be around £10,000 and will be considered in the next financial year. DCC stated there had been no reported injury collisions in the area in the 3 year period up to 31st August 2022.

Cemetery SLA

A meeting with NEDDC has been arranged for 26th January 2023 and members of the E&CC Committee have been invited.

Norwood Park

A grant application has been put in to the NED UK Shared Prosperity Fund to develop the play area at Norwood. The results of the application should be available in mid-February.

Speed Indicator Devices

CLlr Clough met with Bridget Gould from DCC on Thursday 19th January to look at the planned locations of the SIDs. The locations were agreed with minor changes and DCC will draw up a map of the precise locations to accompany the next stage in applying for the licence.



UPDATE REPORT – Item 9

TO:	Members of the Environment & Climate Change Committee
DATE:	31st January 2023
SUBJECT:	Birchlands as a potential allotment site
REPORT AUTHOR:	Judy France [Deputy Parish Clerk]

Information about ongoing issues not included on the agenda

Purpose of Report: To update members with the results of the recent public consultation on Birchlands Park as a proposed allotment site

Consultation leaflets and plans were posted to local households in the Birchlands Park area (around 80 households). Twelve responses were received, and all had objections to the proposal. Some extracts from the comments given are as follows:

- We would like to object to the proposed allotment site at Birchlands Park on the grounds of additional traffic to a road that is already used as an over spill from the surrounding area with access for delivery vehicles and visitors often a problem. Also the proposed site would iam sure become the usual picture of broken pallets and old baths that are seen at most allotments blighting was is at the moment a great space for people to take there kids and pets for exercise play and fresh air.
- We have lived in killamarsh a very long time and we believe that putting an allotment in this location is not appropriate. Around this location we have a lot of parking issues as it is, there says planned parking but this won't solve the problem. People will also start parking on Ashley lane where we have so many problems as well. Disputes, parking tickets, people blocking drives and exits etc. There is also the matter of fires, if people chose to have a fire we have no control over this. Fire can easily get out of hand and many family's and wildlife would be a risk and this had a negative impact on the environment! We purchased this house as it wasn't overlooked and I strongly feel this will cause a big impact on my family and our home. There will be an increase in pests which is something nobody wants around/in their property.
- With reference to your proposal to allocate part of Birchlands Park to allotments: Both me and my family are fully opposed to this proposal, and I will list why: we have seen the park used for football, a child's playground and more recently the lovely wooden picnic benches and equipment. It is certainly a well-used park, not only for recreation but by numerous dog walkers daily. It is a nice piece of greenery that is fully accessible to all especially now it has a small footpath that enables disabled visitors and prams etc. We feel if part of the park was given over to allotments the park would lose its character and would not be used as much as it is now. We also feel the allotted parking facilities would be no where enough for the number of allotments planned, and would increase the traffic on our road. As a street we don't have enough parking spaces for ourselves as it is, some of our neighbours have to park where the entrance to the carpark is planned now. We are concerned about the potential anti-social aspect that the allotments would attract, as in the

potential vandalism of any buildings erected, damage to the allotments etc. We are also concerned that if one of the buildings was to be set fire to for example, the fire engine would struggle to gain access to the park as the parking on Birchlands Drive can be very tight at times. We do understand that as a Village, Killamarsh has to look at requests from other residents regarding improving facilities etc. but we feel Birchlands Park is not the right area for such a facility.

- Birchlands Drive is a small residential road and totally unsuitable for the volume of traffic and the deliveries required to run allotments etc. You have the problem of them not being kept as they should and the eyesore they then cause. The romantic idea of running an allotment seems lovely but in reality its extremely hard work and many do not realise what is involved when they take one on. One question I am interested in is where will the water come from to sustain these allotments. Has the Council thought of this? Also I cannot begin to imagine the disruption it will cause on our small road when the allotments plus car park are being constructed. Does the Council realise this is also a park where many children play. In my opinion to have traffic entering the park to gain access to their allotments is ludicrous and is an accident waiting to happen. We on Birchlands already find it quite a struggle to exit onto High Street with the traffic and to put extra burden onto the road at this junction is totally foolhardy. There is already a problem on the road with the continual stream of dog walkers going onto the park culminating in dog faeces being regularly left on our footpath and our drives. This together with the extra mess associated with the allotments would be the final straw for the residents.
- We object to the allotments for the following reasons: pests; parking; fires; terminating wildlife; privacy; increase in burglaries; Not appropriate place as it's a lovely spacious area for dog walkers, nice park for children and this will be destroyed.
- So sad to see the proposal for 10 allotments and a car park on Birchlands Playing field. The park has only recently had £10,000 spent on making it a safe space for family and friends to enjoy. The top section is the best place to play ball games and for children to run around flying kites etc as its flat and the land is dry. As you go further down the field it becomes more uneven and the land can get quite wet and boggy. I have very strong concern over the safety for our children and dogs using the space to run freely, when cars will be driving on and off the field. Currently it is such a safe space, how would access onto the field be controlled for vehicles? Having researched crime statistics around allotments, I worry crime rates will increase with theft and antisocial behaviour. Rather than placing allotments in such close proximity to residential properties, surely it would be better to choose a location such as the bottom of Boiley Lane? I'm sure there are many locations more suitable. What rules would be in place for allotment owners regards live stock, if they are allowed chickens and other animals I fear it will attract vermin? Not ideal when people are sat trying to enjoy picnics at the tables or on picnic blankets. In addition, it will prevent residents from enjoying their own garden space with the risk of rodents and the disease they attract. Are there any time restrictions on having fires? Will owners have 24hour access to the allotments? Please do not ruin what is currently such a beautiful place for local people to enjoy.
- Birchlands Drive was a safe quiet cul de sac with cars that belong to residents mainly parked here. Since covid it seems to be a magnet for many cars parking either for walking their dogs on the park or leaving their cars overnight here(witnessed this many times)! The speed and complete ignorance that drivers come up here is staggering children live on this road!!! At the junction you just cannot see when cars are parked so close to the end. You have done a good job in turning the field into a place that is safe and nice for children, dogs and adults. I worry with even more cars coming to allotments it won't be a safe place. Allotment owners do not just want to stop for 10mins they want to spend decent time at them. Also the worry is with even more people coming up here it will become an attraction for groups of people to hang around not just on the field and trouble may start. I love living here and if possible would like there not to be chaos and upheaval for the residents in such a small area.
- I have grave concerns about the above proposal primarily on the grounds of traffic safety, specifically that the current infrastructure is already inadequate to cope with Birchlands traffic, and for other reasons listed below: Already dangerous road access into Birchlands Drive when turning from High Street/Uppertorpe Road. With cars parked both sides, there is no room for two vehicles to pass or even pull in. Increased traffic from allotment owners means more danger; an accident waiting to happen. Birchlands Park is heavily used by Killamarsh dog-walkers every day. Users of the

Park already use Birchlands Drive to park their cars, causing congestion. The likelihood is that these and more park users would use the new parking area, causing overspill parking on Birchlands Drive, where parking is already difficult for residents. It is already used by residents of High Street which is parking-congested. I do not believe it cost-effective to spend so much of our hard-earned taxes to benefit just 10 residents out of a total of approximately 9500 (ie 0.1%) nor to lose precious communal parkland enjoyed by so many for the sake of 0.1% of the population. I am not against allotments per se. I believe if you were to survey all Killamarsh residents, the majority would say they would like one - to have access to cheap, fresh fruit and vegetables, especially in the current economic climate. Yet many residents would not be able to afford one. Surely, in these days, we should be focussing on being inclusive and accessible - fresh food for all, regardless of income, by providing a communal garden and growing space where all residents can contribute, benefit, share and enjoy - young, old, those with disabilities - as other parishes have successfully done around the country, but in a more suitable, safe location with adequate infrastructure, and one where you do not have to turn precious green areas into hard core standing for cars.

