



MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2023

Those present :

Chair : Cllr W Tinley

Vice-Chair : Cllr S Clough

Councillors : Cllr S Jackson, Cllr C Lacey, Cllr M Potts, Cllr J Windle

Officers : Mrs G Blank, Mrs J France

ENV105 Chair's Announcements

There were no announcements.

ENV106 Apologies for Absence

All Members were present.

ENV107 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.

ENV108 Adjournment for Public Participation

To adjourn the meeting for 15 minutes to allow members of the public 3 minutes each to make representation on the business of the agenda for the meeting. No resolutions should be made under public participation.

A member of the public stated an interest in Item 10b on the agenda and said that he was concerned about the aesthetics of any potential boundary to the Village Green, he also wanted to ensure that any works the council undertakes doesn't have a negative impact on the access to his property.

ENV109 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.

The Clerk stated that under Item 10b no figures should be discussed in case any future quotation requests were prejudiced.

ENV110 Minutes from the previous meeting

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15th February 2023.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 15th February 2023 are a true and accurate record.

ENV111 Clerk / Deputy Clerk's update

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

The report was noted.

Cllr Tinley asked for an update regarding the tree at Rectory Gardens and the deputy clerk said that it had been reported to NEDDC who were looking into it. It did seem that the tree had been cut down a number of years ago.

Cllr Potts asked if there was any further update on the cemetery SLA, but there was nothing further to report.

ENV112 Budget

a) To receive the up-to-date committee budget report.

Cllr Potts asked for clarification on the allotment fees, the cost of providing electricity to the church clock and the budget for ongoing maintenance of the defibrillators which the Clerk explained. It was noted that the church are now sending in regular monthly readings for the clock electricity supply.

Cllr Potts rereferred to the bid that was being put in to the heritage lottery fund to cover the cost of the restoration of the church clock. She stated she did not think the Parish Council should be responsible for the restoration costs. The Clerk said that the Parish Council would be looking to put an agreement in place with the church for the future maintenance of the clock. The Clerk had started looking at the grant as another parish council had been successful in obtaining heritage lottery funding for a similar project. The Clerk thought having the Clock in a good state of repair prior to entering the agreement by using this external funding would be advantageous to both sides.

The budget report was noted.

b) To consider future priorities and to produce a plan of spend for 2023/24.

The Clerk said it was important that the committee had a budget plan in place for spend on future projects. Cllr Windle said that it may be appropriate to leave this until after May when the new committee members for 2023/24 have been agreed.

RESOLVED: That a plan for future priorities and associated spend should be put in place for 2023/24 as soon as possible after May 2023.

c) To consider and approve a request to Full Council to allocate reserve monies for the committee to spend on current small projects such as benches, signage and a new planter post for the Precinct.

Cllr Clough said that there were some funds available in the grounds maintenance for the current small projects, such as benches and the planter post.

RESOLVED: To utilise the funds available in the grounds maintenance budget for any imminent small projects such as the benches at Delves Road and Linear Park and the planter post in the

Precinct.

ENV113 Linear Park

- To consider and approve the purchase and location of a new bench at Linear Park.

It was agreed that one or two new benches should be purchased and that members of the committee would visit the site to decide on the preferable locations.

RESOLVED: That committee members should visit Linear Park to decide the locations for one or two new benches and should feedback to the office who can then place the order.

ENV114 Village Green

- a) To consider and approve two no parking signs on the village green from the quotations received.
- b) To consider a quotation received for the erection of fencing around the village green.

Cllr Tinley asked if there had been any recent complaints about cars parking on the village green and Cllr Potts said that yes she had received some complaints from residents.

Various parking deterrent methods were discussed including signage, installing raised flower beds, stone boulders, kerb raising or creating a ditch, some of which had been discussed previously at committee and at full council meetings. There was a concern that if the village green were to be even partially enclosed it could move the parking issues to a nearby road and track which could potentially prevent access for residents.

One preferred option was to raise the kerb at the side of the village green, but Derbyshire County Council (DCC) had previously indicated that this would cost over £10,000.

RESOLVED: To ask if posters could be put up at the West End Hotel to state that parking was not allowed on the village green.

RESOLVED: To ask DCC if the parish council can go direct to their approved contractors to quote for and the work.

RESOLVED: To distribute leaflets in the local area discouraging people from parking on the village green.

RESOLVED: To purchase some low cost 'no parking' signs to put up on the village green.

ENV115 Planting

To consider and approve the type of post required for the hanging of flower baskets/troughs in the Precinct, in place of the planter.

The Deputy Clerk had circulated options available with costings. Councillors felt that the option from Hobsons was a reasonable price.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to commission Hobsons Nurseries to supply and install a new black planter post in the Precinct.

ENV116 Memorial Gardens

- To discuss and consider future plans for the layout of the Memorial Gardens, to include a new centrepiece.

There was a discussion about how to improve the layout of the Memorial Gardens. Suggestions to further investigate include:

- A sculpture and/or rose beds in the centrepiece that contains the old tree root

- A trellis with climbing roses or other plants as a centrepiece
- Tidy the flower bed edgings
- Tree pruning
- A wildflower meadow
- Bird boxes
- Contact local schools to get them involved
- Contact Derbyshire Wildlife trust for advice
- Asking the handy persons for their advice as they are experienced in garden maintenance

RESOLVED: To investigate the feasibility of the ideas discussed and to put a plan of action in place.

There was a discussion about the buried time capsule and where a record of it's location should be kept.

RESOLVED: To identify where the record regarding the location of the time capsule should be kept to ensure it is available to relevant persons going forward.

ENV117 Policies

To consider and amend a new draft policy - KPC 69 Grit Bin Policy.

Derbyshire County Council (DCC) and Killamarsh Parish Council both provide a number of grit bins within Killamarsh. DCC are unable to provide grit bins in any new locations within Derbyshire and therefore on occasion requests for additional grit bins come through to the parish office. KPC69 Grit Bin Policy provides guidelines as to when a new location for a grit bin could be considered. Cllr Potts pointed out that there was a previous grit bin policy in place and the Clerk said she had not found one in the policy list, but would look at previous agendas and reports to see if it could be identified. Cllr Potts later found the policy and informed the Clerk where she could find it, at first glance Cllr Potts said it looked very similar.

The Clerk explained the challenges associated with the parish council refilling grit bins after they had had their initial winter allocation. The parish council no longer had any where to store grit, nor a suitable vehicle to transport loose grit salt, and DCC charge £120 per bin to refill.

There was a suggestion to purchase bags of grit salt in the summer months when it was cheaper and to potentially store the bags in the enclosed area to the side of the community hub. Bags of grit salt would be easier for the parish vehicle to transport to any of the parish council grit bins that required a refill.

RESOLVED: To recommend to full council that a supply of bagged grit salt be purchased and stored in a suitable secured location.

ENV118 Climate Change

To consider how the Parish Council can reduce it's environmental impact, for example by looking at options such as solar panels on the Community Hub or the use of an electric vehicle.

Some ideas for future consideration were discussed, including using LED light bulbs, insulating the community hub, using a one cup kettle, No Mow May.

RESOLVED: To create a climate change policy/action plan.

ENV119 Items for discussion for a future agenda

- Car parking for the Parish Suite
- Possibility of future NEDDC responsibility for the precinct

- Community bus
- Graffiti on the bus shelter on Sheffield Road/Junction of Station Road
- An additional allotment site
- The garden to the rear/side of the parish suite

ENV120 Date of the Next Council Meeting

The schedule for the 2023/24 meetings of the Environment & Climate Change Committee will be on the agenda for approval at the Annual Council Meeting in May. An EOM may be called for any urgent items that may arise.