



## MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 FEBRUARY 2023

Those present :

Chair : Cllr W Tinley

Vice-Chair : Cllr S Clough

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

Officers : Mrs J France

### ENV104 Chair's Announcements

There were no announcements.

### ENV105 Apologies for Absence

Apologies have been received from Cllr C Lacey and the reason given was accepted.

### ENV106 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.

### ENV107 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.

Two members of the public were present.

A member of Killamarsh Town Team informed the Committee that the Defibrillator at Killamarsh Community Hub had been taken out on standby on 14th February, but was not needed and was replaced.

A member of the public wanted to raise awareness of climate change and they talked about something they had seen in a documentary linking air traffic and oil spills to climate change. They asked how the Parish Council and the wider district and county council were addressing climate change. Cllr Tinley mentioned the 200 tree saplings that had been planted in the Autumn. Cllr Tinley asked the member of the public if they would consider writing a letter highlighting climate change, with suggestions about how the public could help, for the Parish Council newsletter, and

they said that they would.

**ENV108 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.**

**ENV109 Minutes from the previous meeting**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 31st January 2023.

Cllr Potts said that in Item ENV098 - Village Green, she had stated that she believed the 'ongoing maintenance costs' associated with a new raised curb would not be cost effective for the Parish Council to take responsibility for.

**RESOLVED: With the exception of the above amendment the minutes of the meeting held on 31st January 2023 are a true and accurate record.**

**ENV110 Clerk / Deputy Clerk's update**

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

The Deputy Clerk said that the Clerk had received a quote of £450 + VAT to erect two no parking signs at the Village Green. These were aluminium signs on a tall aluminium post concreted into the ground. The Committee decided that they would prefer a more natural looking sign, closer to the ground.

**RESOLVED: To obtain quotes for a wooden/natural no parking sign.**

The Deputy Clerk said that she had written to the solicitors who act for the landowners at the Precinct to ask permission to install a post with hanging baskets on in place of the planter and they said that was fine.

**RESOLVED: To obtain quotes for an appropriate hanging basket post.**

**ENV111 Norwood**

To approve using the Environment & Climate Change Committee's earmarked reserve (EMR) to fund the redevelopment of the play area at Norwood should the grant funding application be unsuccessful or not be sufficient to cover the whole amount.

Cllr Potts objected to the use of EMR to fund the Norwood play area project as the money had been earmarked for improvements to the centre of Killamarsh. She suggested that there could be other funding streams that could be looked at e.g. Section 106 monies from Fanny Avenue or Shepherds View or funding from Rykneld Homes.

Cllr Windle said that the Norwood play area project had been talked about for three years and really needed doing to improve the facilities for children in the area.

Cllr Clough said that the cost of the play area project was just over £60k from the selected supplier - KOMPAN - and that he was hopeful that a good proportion of that could be accessed from grant funding.

Cllr Tinley proposed that the Committee recommended to Full Council that the EMR should be used to help fund the Norwood play area project if needed and Cllr Clough seconded. All were in favour with the exception of Cllr Potts who asked that her objection to this be noted.

**RESOLVED: To recommend to Full Council that the earmarked reserve be used to fund the Norwood play area project by Kompan should the grant funding application be unsuccessful or not be sufficient to cover the whole amount.**

**ENV112 Cemetery**

To consider and approve the installation of automated cemetery gates based on the quotes received.

Cllr Tinley said that even though the installation of automatic gates would have an initial outlay, longer term, costs would be saved by not having to employ a company to lock and unlock the gates.

It was agreed that the current cemetery gates were still in a reasonable condition and therefore it would be more cost effective to install the automated gearing on them, rather than purchasing new gates.

Cllr Clough proposed that the Committee progress with the quote from 1st Call Gate Automation to make the current gates automatic and Cllr Windle seconded. The previously obtained quote from National Grid to install an electricity supply was also approved. All were in favour.

**RESOLVED: That the installation of an electricity supply and automated gearing on the current cemetery gates is approved.**

**ENV113 Speed Indicator Devices**

To approve COEVAL to supply and install the Speed Indicator Devices.

Cllr Potts asked if residents had been consulted who would be affected by having a speed indicator device (SID) near to their property. Cllr Clough said this would be done as part of the licence application via a proforma from Derbyshire County Council, and was only applicable to two out of six locations.

The Deputy Clerk clarified that grant funding had been approved from the Police and Crime Commissioner that would fund approximately two thirds of the cost of the SIDs.

**RESOLVED: To approve COEVAL to supply and install the Speed Indicator Devices subject to the licence being granted by Derbyshire County Council.**

**ENV114 Benches**

To consider and approve a replacement bench at the junction of Uppertorpe Road and Manor Road following a request from a resident.

The Deputy Clerk had checked with NEDDC and DCC and they had both confirmed that the bench did not belong to them. Cllr Windle said he would consult with a previous Cllr who would know if the bench had been originally placed there by the Parish Council.

Cllr Clough said that he had been to have a look at the bench and thought that it may be possible to just replace the slat that has a corner missing.

**RESOLVED: To ask the Handy Person if they could replace the broken slat on the bench.**

**ENV115 Items for discussion for a future agenda**

- Cllr Jackson would like to discuss a community bus service similar to that which the Parish Council provided a few years ago.
- Cllr Potts asked for an update on an alternative allotment site in Killamarsh.

**ENV116 Date of the Next Council Meeting**

The next meeting of the Environment & Climate Change Committee is scheduled for Wednesday 15th March 2023.

The meeting closed at 7:48 pm