



MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE HELD ON 31 JANUARY 2023

Those present :

Chair : Cllr W Tinley

Vice-Chair : Cllr S Clough

Councillors : Cllr S Jackson, Cllr M Potts

Officers : Mrs J France

ENV092 Chair's Announcements

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Chair updated the committee on the recent meeting that herself and Cllr Clough attended with NEDDC to discuss the cemetery SLA and expressed her disappointment that no other members of the E&CC Committee were able to attend. As part of the meeting the Chair asked NEDDC if the grass cuttings at the cemetery grounds could be removed instead of being left in situ. NEDDC confirmed that they were unable to box off/remove grass cuttings, but they would look at the potential for more regular cutting during the grass growing season, so that there would not be as many large piles of grass on site.

ENV093 Apologies for Absence

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

ENV094 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.

ENV095 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 Killamarsh Town Team gave an update on the defibrillator at the Sandwich Junction, which had been used on a Sunday afternoon by a NHS responder. The unit had been taken away and was returned on the Monday. Cllr Potts asked about checking the defibrillators after use and it

was confirmed that the Town Team undertake regular checks.

Cllr Tinley asked about the defibrillator awareness training and the Deputy Clerk confirmed she was still looking for a provider as St Johns Ambulance did not have anyone available currently to do the training.

ENV096 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.

ENV097 Minutes from the previous meeting

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th December 2022.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2022 are a true and accurate record.

ENV098 Clerk / Deputy Clerk's update

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.

RESOLVED: Office to report back to the Committee on plottolders with less that the required amount of cultivation.

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 accidently being turned off. At the Travellers power is provided externally in conduit from a fuse board at the rear of the building so is 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. The office has contacted Defib4Life again regarding the defibrillator at the Sandwich Junction.

Cllr Clough said he was not happy that the electricity supplies to the defibrillators could be switched off easily. Cllr Tinley asked if a plastic cover could be placed over the plugs to prevent them being accidently turned off.

RESOLVED: To ask Defib4Life if a plastic cover could be fitted over all of the switches and for any paperwork with regards to the installation to be sent to the Parish Office for information.

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 Rykneid 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.

Cllr Potts asked about the maintenance of the trees and hedges at Linear Park. Cllr Clough said he had spoken to NEDDC who were looking at a hedge that should have been cut back previously.

RESOLVED: To obtain quotes for the regular grounds maintenance needed at Linear Park

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, however to bear in mind that funding would more than likely be 'challenging'. DCC stated there had been no reported injury collisions in the area in the 3 year period up to 31st August 2022, so it would not be a high priority location. It may be possible for the Parish Council to pay for the kerbing work to be completed, they would need to contact DCC in the first instance to see what would be involved.

Cllr Potts stated that she believed the ongoing maintenance costs associated with a new raised kerb would not be cost effective and a barrier would be better. Cllr Clough said a local resident who first reported the issue with parking had not wanted a wooden barrier as it would have an impact on access to his property. Cllr Clough also said that the Clerk was investigating whether the Village Green was actually registered as a village green, as this may come with certain restrictions as to how it could be enclosed. Cllr Potts asked if a no parking sign could be put up in the first instance.

RESOLVED: To erect two no parking signs in appropriate locations on the Village Green.

RESOLVED: To include an article in the next Parish Council newsletter asking residents not to park on the Village Green.

RESOLVED: To obtain a quote for wooden bollards around the Village Green as a comparison to the cost of kerbing work.

Cemetery SLA

A meeting with NEDDC took place on 26th January 2023 with members of the E&CC Committee. NEDDC will feedback with a full report.

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. Cllr Potts asked if local supplier AEL had been invited to quote for the playground development. The Deputy Clerk said the office was not aware of this company, but always tries to search for local companies in the first instance when obtaining quotes.

RESOLVED: To create a list of local trade companies for future work

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 have now drawn up a map of the precise locations to accompany the next stage in applying for the licence. Cllr Clough stated that the SID at High Moor would need to be a permanent fixture, with the other two being moveable. He also stated that we would need to consult with residents whose properties were near to the proposed signs.

RESOLVED: That the High Moor SID is not moveable and that any affected residents should be consulted.

ENV099 Benches

To consider and approve a replacement bench at the junction of Delves Road and Cherry Tree Drive.

Cllr Clough said that as far as he was aware the bench had been removed some years ago due to complaints from residents about anti-social behaviour. Cllr Potts said that could be the case with any bench, and that in this particular case a bench at this location would be very useful for residents walking to and from the village.

RESOLVED: That a bench at the junction of Delves Road and Cherry Tree Drive was approved and the office should seek the necessary permissions from NEDDC for the placement of a bench and an associated litter bin.

ENV100 Birchlands

To consider the responses received from local residents with regards to a potential allotment site at Birchlands and to decide on the next course of action.

Due to the feedback and objections received from local residents Cllr Tinley and Cllr Clough agreed that Birchlands would not be a suitable location for an additional allotment site. Cllr Potts disagreed and said that the objections the Parish Council had received would not be taken into account at District Council level at a planning committee. Cllr Potts would like a wider consultation on Birchlands as a potential allotment site as consulting purely with residents on the adjoining roads was not sufficient.

Cllr Clough mentioned that another potential allotment site in Killamarsh had been identified and he would like to wait for the outcome of that before doing any further consultation for the Birchlands site. Cllr Tinley and Cllr Jackson agreed that the potential new site would be more suitable for allotments and they would like to wait and see what happened with that.

RESOLVED: To update at the next meeting with feedback on a potential new allotment site and to not progress anything further with Birchlands until that has been received.

ENV101 Planting

a) To approve the planting costs for 2023/24 Summer and Winter Planting - £1440 + VAT (no change from 2022/23)

The planter in the Precinct was discussed as the plants, especially in winter, are regularly pulled out and thrown onto the floor. It was suggested that the planter could be relocated elsewhere (possibly onto Delves Road near to the new bench) and in its place a post be installed with hanging baskets that were out of arms reach.

RESOLVED: That the planting costs for 2023/24 Summer and Winter Planting be approved.

RESOLVED: For the office to obtain quotes and any necessary permissions to install a post for hanging baskets on the Precinct.

RESOLVED: To move the planter in the Precinct to Delves Road

b) To approve the summer watering costs for 2023 - £800 + VAT (no change from 2022)

RESOLVED: That the summer watering costs for 2023 be approved.

c) To consider and approve having new summer 2023 holster planters (similar to hanging baskets) on the 45 lamp posts where the Christmas trees hang - total cost £2025 + VAT including watering.

RESOLVED: That the 2023 new Summer holster planters be approved with red, white and blue trailing plants for the King's Coronation year.

ENV102 Items for discussion for a future agenda

- Memorial Gardens, including future plans, new centerpiece and maintenance
- Carparking, including spaces marked for KPC
- Defibrillator replacement pads and batteries
- NEDDC taking responsibility for the Precinct
- Bus Shelter at Station Road, including caging the roof or removing the shelter
- Bench replacement at the junction of Upperthorpe Road and Manor Road

ENV103 Date of the Next Council Meeting

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

The meeting closed at 12:27 pm