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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITY COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER at 8.00 PM

Present: Cllr David Wynne-Jones – In the Chair David Allison – Clerk to the Council

Cllrs Edmunds, Hollands, Kaur (arrived at 8.12pm) and Vassiliou.

Voting Members: 4 rising to 5

Not Present: Cllr Kataria

EA1240/16 Apologies for Absence

No apologies had been received.

EA1241/16 Declarations of Interest

The Chairman recommended that any declarations of interest be made, if necessary, throughout the meeting.

EA1242/16 Representations from the Public

There were no members of the public present.

EA1243/16 Minutes

The Clerk drew Members attention to the fact that the Minutes under review for this meeting should be those of the 4 October 2016.

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4 October 2016 be approved and be signed by the Chairman.

EA1244/16 Matters Arising

EA1238/16 – Bulb Planting. It was asked whether any progress had been made on this matter. The Clerk advised that the Senior Ranger was working on putting a programme together.

EA1236/16, EA1219/16, EA1213/16 – Update on Restoration of the Little Green Lane Pond. The Clerk was asked whether there was anything further progress. The Clerk advised there had been none.

EA1245/16 Works List

The Chairman introduced this item and invited any comments.

The Clerk advised that the checking of defibrillators should be added to the list and this will be included in all monthly listings.

Resolved:

- That the Works List for November 2016 be noted.

EA1246/16 Stones Orchard Management Plan

The Chairman introduced this item.

The Clerk advised that a further site meeting had taken place on Tuesday 11 October with the Countryside Management Services (CMS) at which Cllr Edmunds, the two Parish Rangers and the Clerk attended. There were two representatives

from CMS namely Matt Watts and his line manager, Lee Tyson. The Clerk advised that it was clear that CMS had taken on board some of the Council's initial concerns as to the sort of proposals CMS were thinking of putting forward. There had been a discussion about the need for a hard surface footpath through the Orchard which would not be a tarmac surface but one more in keeping with the rural setting. There was discussion about the removal of the picnic bench which was out of keeping with the area and that replacement benches would also need to be looked into. It was pointed out to CMS that any replacement benches elsewhere in the Orchard would have to continue to record any extant commemorative plaques.

The Clerk concluded that the meeting was very successful and positive and that CMS had a much better understanding of what the Council were looking for out of a new Management Plan.

Cllr Edmunds agreed with the Clerk's summation and added that it had been made clear to CMS the things that would not be welcomed in the Plan including such things as sculptures.

The Committee noted the verbal report.

EA1247/16 Budgets 2017/18

The Chairman introduced this item and asked the Clerk to elaborate. The Clerk reminded Members should they have any budget proposals to put forward, these should be submitted to him by the end of November for integration into the draft budget.

The Clerk advised that until just prior to the meeting no new proposals for the E&A Committee had been submitted but he had been passed new items for the purchase of further defibrillators, the purchase of a web cam to go into the bird box outside the Council's office and for further bird boxes.

EA1248/16 Closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.32pm