



**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2015 AT 7.30 PM
HELD IN THE PARISH OFFICE**

PRESENT: -Cllr Smith (Chair), Cllr Frazer-Cann, Cllr Bannister, Cllr Pugh and Cllr Blackwell and Cllr Geens

1. Apologies: None
2. Declaration of Interests:
 1. Councillors' were reminded of the need to update their Register of Interests.
 2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) – None
 3. Other Disclosable Interests (ODI) – None

3. Public Question Time – No questions
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4. Minutes: The minutes of the Environment Committee of 04.11.15 having been previously circulated were signed as a true and correct record.
5. It was proposed to locate additional litter/dog waste bins at:-
 - Windmill Lane adjacent 21 Windmill Lane
 - Top of Post Office Lane by footpath to doctors surgery
 - At the north bound bus stop opposite Bannut HillWe have in stock one complete new bin and two lids and inners, so we will also purchase two new outers at £83.64+vat each and two fixing down kits at £13.37+vat.
KB/Clerk to give location points to MHDC. Quotes to be obtained to fix the bins.
AS/Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Sue and Matthew Price of Lanes End for what they have done with the dog waste bin over the years
6. It was decided to present £25 Garden Centre vouchers to the retiring Lengthsman. **AS to organise.**
7. Environment Committee to write to County Council asking that the grit bin in Napleton Lane be filled. If they say no, then we want a reason why so that we can do whatever is necessary to have them fill it, or we can make alternative arrangements. It was felt that grit should be available for winter conditions. **AS to action.**
8. Wild contracts are providing a quote for raising the path level in the Rocky to prevent flooding. As an aside, it was agreed that the Lengthsman should be asked to 'side out' the lower path, near the new wooden bridge, in the spring.
9. Cllr Pugh said that the engineers could not alter the hinges enough to clear the rising land. It was suggested that when the path is built up, soil could be scraped from in front of the gates to allow them to open.
10. It was decided that two signs would be put up, which would depict the history of the Rocky area showing that it was the ornamental garden of Kempsey House. It was thought that showing five salient points of interest would be sufficient. **MB/AS to action.**

Action

11. Cllr Blackwell advised cost of petrol driven hedge trimmer/pruner at £535 incl. vat. This was too expensive for the sum in budget. Cllr Blackwell **to look for** second hand machine or a cheaper alternative.

12. Cllr Pugh said that the parish notice board at Kerswell Green is leaning. He (DP) will take action to upright it.

The ground around the kissing gate, between the Church Field and the Lower Ham, is becoming a quagmire. WCC erected the gate and so **AS will email** Amanda Hill to request some stone be laid around the gate

AS advised the committee that she amended the Environment budget at the last F&GP meeting, as the wall in the Rocky woods does not need rebuilding. The money will now go towards additional hedge works along the Main Road.

The council has received a letter from a parishioner requesting dog access at a footpath stile from Bannut Hill to Napleton Lane.**AS to contact Amanda Hill at WCC.**

DP is still to talk to parishioners regarding setting up of Voluntary speed monitoring at Kerswell Green.

Meeting Closed at 9.10 pm
Trevor Geens
Minute Taker

Signed Chairman..... Date