



**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON  
 WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016 AT 10.30 AM  
 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**PRESENT:** -Cllr Smith (Chair), Cllr Bannister, Cllr Frazer-Cann, 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

Public Question Time – No questions

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| <p>3. Minutes: The minutes of the Environment Committee of 01.12.15 having been previously circulated were signed as a true and correct record.</p>   | <b>Action</b>                |
| <p>4. To discuss removal of large logs washed down stream, into the Rocky where they are lodged against the bank just below the upper footbridge- Cllr Frazer Cann and Cllr Blackwell to investigate.</p>   | Cllr F<br>Cann/Blackwell     |
| <p>5. Update tidying up of Main Road areas - The Lengthsman have cut back an area by the shop to prevent birds nesting. A similar job is required opposite the Community Centre prior to a contractor carrying out further work in the same areas, from April 2016. Cllr Smith and Blackwell are pursuing quotes from contractors in respect of this work.</p>  | Cllr Smith/<br>Blackwell     |
| <p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> To hire a shredder including safety equipment to tidy up both jobs carried out by the Lengthsman along the Main Road.</p>   |                              |
| <p>6. Update on litter bins/return – Clerk has contacted Glasdon and has re-ordered 1 x metal bin outer plus a fixing kit and arranged return of the 2 x plastic bins and kits.<br/>         Litter bin to be placed insitu at the end of Windmill Lane. Clerk to ask the Lengthsman if he would be interested in fitting (to be invoiced separately)<br/>         A further location is to be decided upon to place the re-ordered metal bin. Cllr Smith expressed a preference to have this bin installed at the bus stop (by Pixham Ferry lane). In the first instance, Cllr Geens will liaise with the developers to to ask if the could provide a bin , which would be placed in the same location. This would then leave the Parish Council with a spare one.</p> | Clerk<br>Clerk<br>Cllr Geens |
| <p>7. Update on West Mercia Community Speed Watch – Cllr Pugh confirmed his request has now been logged.</p>  | Cllr Pugh                    |
| <p>8. <b>RECOMENDATION :</b> To pay the Lengthsman travelling expenses of 30 pence per mile for mileage incurred outside the Parish boundary.</p>   |                              |
| <p>9. Any Other Business<br/>         Clerk to contact the Environment Agency concerning a complaint from a parishioner regarding oil pollution in Hatfield Brook next to Little Brookend Farm located on Holdings lane, Kempsey.</p>   | Clerk                        |

**Action**

Cllr Blackwell confirmed further oil pollution between the Church Land Trust field and the Ham (Pixham Ferry Lane). This is possibly from a transport vehicle. Cllr Blackwell to check if this spillage has dispersed and if not the Clerk will write to the land owner.

Cllr Blackwell

Cllr Smith to investigate a parishioner complaint concerning a bonfire at Bight Farm development and update the parishioner accordingly.

Cllr Smith

Cllr Bannister confirmed he was in the process of obtaining quotations for Interpretation Signs for the Rocky. He had received two quotes to date. A third is on its way.

Cllr Bannister

**RECOMMENDATION:** To purchase and install 2 x Interpretation Panel Frames in A2 size for the Rocky.

Cllr Geens confirmed photographs of suspected structural faults in the bridge, over Hatfield Brook which links two fields belonging to the Church Lands Trust had been referred to them.

He confirmed he had approached the Equine Hospital located in Ripple to seek some advice concerning Horse fouling. Unfortunately they could not be of any assistance. An alternate approach is to be looked into.

Reminder – Clerk to invite Mr Roy Clarke to the February 2016 Parish Council meeting to present his retirement gift.

Clerk

Cllr Blackwell has contacted a local engineer to look at the operation of the Rocky gates. He highlighted there is a blocked drain on Napleton Lane as a result of mud from the Bight farm development. This is to be reported to WCC.

Cllr Blackwell

Cllr Blackwell confirmed there were problems accessing the new kissing gate recently installed from the Church Lands Trust to the Ham. Cllr Smith confirmed this had been reported.

Meeting Closed at 11.53 am  
Sharon Baxter  
Clerk

Signed ..... Chairman..... Date