



**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
 MONDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7.30PM AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

PRESENT: - Cllr Smith (Chair), Cllr Blackwell, Cllr Frazer-Cann, Cllr Dodge, Cllr Varley & Cllr Geens and Mr Biddle at the request of the Chair to offer his wealth of information in respect of the Rocky.

IN ATTENDANCE: - 1 member of the public present

1. Apologies: None

2. Declarations of Interest

1. Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
2. To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature - None.
3. To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature - None.

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time, notes of which are appended to these minutes

3. The minutes of the Environment Committee of 03.07.17 having been previously circulated were signed as a true and correct record.

Matters arising from these minutes:-

Clerk to locate a map from the Arboricultural Report to help Cllr Blackwell mark the areas that need strimming, brush and nettle clearance in the Rocky to refer to Wild contracts for a revised quote.

Consideration is to be given when calculating next year's budget as to whether two or three cuts/strims annually are required in the Rocky.

Cllr Geens will chase the Environment Agency who agreed to concrete sections of the eroded path in the Rocky.

Cllr Geens established that the bench in the graveyard that needs refurbishing is not the property of the Parish Council but that of Funday Sunday.

4. Rocky history, map and wording for Interpretation Panels were discussed.

The preference was to place the history wording around the map as opposed to a block of writing at the bottom of the map. Various history statements were identified.

RECOMMENDATION: For the Clerk to work with Cllr Smith to piece together the history wording around the map.

5. White Marker Gates were discussed.

RECOMMENDATION: For the Clerk to obtain revised quote (from the company that supplied High Green) to supply white marker gates at the entrances and exits for Green Street, Stonehall Common and Kerswell Green. To refer to full council for consideration should the quote be within the agreed budget of £1500, including installation.

6. Dog Fouling Signage was discussed.

RECOMMENDATION: For Cllr Blackwell to liaise with MHDC to establish the penalties involved and who enforces them. Can we choose the locations where notices are to be placed and what style? Will the Street Scene Warden cover this area? A meeting may be beneficial.

7. Update on overgrown vegetation Napleton Lane Bend

It was agreed to wait to refer this problem to County Councillor Paul Middlebrough so he can examine the full extent of the problem. A meeting has been arranged for 26.09.17

8. The new owners at 4 Bramblewood, Main Road, have confirmed that the area of land that the Parish Council maintains (grass area near the shop) actually belongs to their property and they would like to take back ownership. Cllr Frazer-Cann to liaise with the landowners to check their property deeds.

9. Any Other Business

Cllr Geens highlighted several overgrown hedges that need cutting to include:-

Hedge behind the bollards up from the shop.

Corner Chapel Road

Old Road North

Redman House

A list will be devised and referred to County Councillor for discussion at the meeting on 26.09.17.

Action

Clerk

TG

Clerk/
AS

Clerk

KB

TFC

Clerk

On behalf of the Church Lands Trust Cllr Blackwell had erected some signage from the Ford to The Bund advising that this path was not a Public Right of Way and walkers use at their own risk.

Meeting Closed 8.55 pm
Sharon Baxter
Clerk

Signed Chairman..... Date

Public Question Time

Mr Hanmer was present to represent the residents from Elgar Drive/Napleton Lane. He requested that a length of hedge on the southern boundary of Napleton Lane, on the bend opposite no's 3,5,7,9 be cut to aid visibility and safety around the corner.

The Lengthsman had cut the grass verge back in this area in June. It now requires cutting again.

The overgrown hedge was reported to WCC who came out to inspect and carried out some work, but nothing to make significant improvement.

Item to be discussed under agenda item 7.