



**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
ON MONDAY 20TH MARCH 2017 AT 7.30PM
AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

PRESENT: - Cllr Smith (Chairman), Cllr Blackwell, Cllr Frazer-Cann, Cllr Pugh, Cllr Dodge and Cllr Geens.

IN ATTENDANCE: - No members of the public present.

1. Apologies: None

2. Declaration of Interests:

1. Register of Interests: Councillors' were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) – None
3. Other Disclosable Interests (ODI) – Cllrs Smith, Blackwell, Pugh and Dodge all declared an ODI in respect of agenda item 5. all being dog owners.

No Questions for Public Question Time.

3. Minutes: The minutes of the Environment Committee of 07.02.17 having been previously circulated were signed as a true and correct record.

Comments/Matters Arising:-

Cllr Geens commented on how effective the white marker gates in High Green are.

Cllr Smith confirmed she had approached the gentlemen (whose dog was distressed by a bird scarer from a local farmer's field) to enquire if he would be interested in being a Footpath Warden.

Unfortunately due to work commitments he cannot take on this position.

Cllr Fraser Cann apologised for missing the deadline for the Dog Control Consultation Survey.

4. Update on Rocky

Mr Perry from the Environment Agency had visited the Rocky to consider the viability of placing a new culvert to help relieve the problems with flooding. It was decided this would not be effective against cost.

However, The Environment Agency is happy to help with raising the ground level (infilling a section where the ground is depressed) and concreting the footpath. Mr Steve Morgan from the Environment Agency will liaise with The Parish Council to confirm a date when this will take place.

Cllr Smith reported on the closure of an unofficial footpath from Squires Walk to the Bund as a result of works being carried out by the Environment Agency to create a road to the Bund to enable them to bring in additional pumps to further improve and reinforce the flood defences. This work will take approximately 3 weeks.

Cllr Pugh is working on the map layout to place on the Interpretation Boards.

He is looking at the scaling, marking the Rocky boundary and incorporating the street names.

He will circulate to Committee members for comment.

Cllr Smith commented on the entrance to the Rocky from Church Street, where there is no pavement and it leads straight onto the road. She asked do we want to consider changing the entrance?

Cllr Smith circulated a picture of a round concrete based/ wooden top picnic bench and asked for comments from members as to their thoughts of placing something the same/similar in the Rocky. Members generally thought this was a good idea. Cllr Pugh to make some enquires concerning the supplier details and costs.

Cllr Smith confirmed she had purchased two packets of red campion seeds which she will sow.

Cllr Blackwell reported grass cuttings were being tipped in the Rocky from two neighbouring gardens. Cllr Geens to devise a polite letter to issue to these landowners advising them we are trying to improve the Rocky and deter them from disposing of any grass cuttings in there.

As part of the review of the Rocky the Parish Council will be investigating the boundaries, against the official deeds.

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| <p>Cllr Blackwell highlighted that the gentleman who has purchased the Church Rooms has had a new fence installed inside the old fence. However the old fence could pose as a safety hazard and needs to be disposed of. Cllr Smith to devise a letter requesting if this could be done.</p> <p>Cllr Geens highlighted that some overgrown vegetation and brash needs clearing from the Rocky. He will liaise with Wild Contracts in the first instance to obtain a quote.</p> | <p>AS</p> <p>TG</p> |
| <p>5. Discussion on Dog Poo Poster</p> <p>Cllr Pugh is in the process of revamping a poster (which he will circulate to committee members for comment) to display in the parish magazine.</p> <p>Cllr Blackwell to make enquiries with MHDC concerning Dog Control.</p> | <p>DP</p> <p>KB</p> |
| <p>6. Discussion on litter bin positioning</p> <p>Two new litter bins are to be ordered from 2016/17 budget.</p> <p>Various locations were discussed to place them.</p> <p>It was agreed to replace the rotten bin near Byefields opposite The Lawns.</p> <p>The second bin is to be positioned on the junction of Oakfield Drive and Post Office Lane subject to MHDC agreeing to empty it. Cllr Blackwell to mark location on a map and the Clerk will make enquiries.</p> | <p>KB/
Clerk</p> |
| <p>7. Any Other Business</p> <p>Cllr Pugh to follow up query he referred to Teal Turf, concerning the query raised by Mrs Bishop concerning a blocked ditch located in Kerswell Green.</p> <p>Clerk to ask the Lengthsman to clear and dispose of the brash which is falling down from the hedge onto the footpath located on Old Road South.</p> <p>Cllr Geens confirmed the new fixed VAS sign is on order. Cllr Geens/Smith had made a courtesy call to the home owners of the property where the new sign is to be fitted on the street furniture outside their house.</p> <p>Cllr Blackwell expressed his dissatisfaction with the location of where the new VAS Sign is to be installed. It was confirmed this was the most suitable place with power at the present time.</p> <p>Cllr Pugh confirmed a Dog Show will take place in Kerswell Green in August. This will be advertised in the Parish magazine.</p> | <p>DP</p> <p>Clerk</p> |

Meeting Closed 9.02 pm
Sharon Baxter
Clerk

Signed Chairman..... Date