

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF KEMPSEY
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2012
AT 6.30 p.m. AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Present: Mr. M Stevens (Chair), Mr. Blackwell (arrived 6.40pm), Mr. D Harrison, Mr. B Bowley & Mr. Michael

1. **Apologies:** Mr A Hay & Mr M Bannister (accepted)
2. **Declarations of interest** in items on the agenda_
 - (a) **Declaration of any Personal interests** in items on the Agenda and their nature - **None**
 - (b) **Declaration of any prejudicial interests** in items on the Agenda and their nature.
A Parish Council Member with a prejudicial interest in a particular issue may make representations, answer questions or give evidence to the Council during the Open Forum on the issue. However, the Councillor must leave the room in the event of an exchange on the issue between the public and the Council during the Open Forum and must also leave the room when the item is discussed during the Parish Council Meeting itself - **None**
3. **Open Forum** – Maximum of 30 minutes - **None**
4. **Minutes** – To approve the minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on
 - 28th November 2011Having been previously circulated these were signed off by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
5. **Review of task list.** The task list was reviewed and updated. **Please see attached.**
6. **Consideration of quotes received for Bridge improvement in the Rocky**

The general consensus from the committee was that they were happy to proceed with modifying the bridge even though the completion of the circular path would not be completed due to financial constraints.

Three quotations had been obtained in respect of modifying the bridge to accommodate disabled access. Unfortunately these were not comparable and offered different suggestions.

A specification is to be devised for the three contractors to re-quote.
7. **Consideration of quotes received for Bi-Annual strimming of the Rocky.**

Mr Bannister to check if the quote for £140 per cut, of which at least two would be required (possibly May and August) included removal of cuttings. Mr Bannister to be asked to whether there is a restriction on when strimming can occur due to nesting etc and to define a specification covering the works which can be passed to two other companies for quotation
8. **Review specification / quotes for new railings in the Rocky.** Due to limited time availability of this meeting this item was not discussed.
9. **Consideration of a public meeting / working party to discuss proposed improvements for the Rocky (including advertising the meeting).**

The Chairman suggested holding a working party meeting on a monthly basis with a Public Meeting Event to take place on 18th June 2012.

10. **Agree on the frequency of meetings of this committee and set dates - I would like to hold meetings more regularly to allow us to make progress with the Rocky capitol project.**
Item not discussed due to limited time availability.
11. **Set a date to relocate the Oak Tree donated by Cllr Bowley.** Mr Stevens to arrange a date to transplant the tree.
12. **Update on the Fish Pass legal agreement.** The Environment Agency are preparing a final draft lease document to be presented at full Parish Council meeting on Monday 13th February for seal and approval. Mr Stevens to circulate a copy of the agreement to all Council Members on email. The Clerk to print copies for those not on email.
13. **Review of previous committee recommendations regarding the purchase of grit bins (Post Office Lane).** Item not discussed due to limited time availability.
14. **Risk assessments - appointing a professional to undertake these.** Item not discussed due to limited time availability.
15. **Date of Next Meeting**
Monday 27th February 2012 at 7.30pm

Meeting Closed 7.29pm
Sharon Baxter
Clerk