

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLVEY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN WOLVEY BAPTIST CHAPEL ON
WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2017 at 8.00pm

Present: Ruth Buswell (Vice-Chairman in the Chair); Parish Councillors Richard Hawcutt and Adrian Warwick, Pete Hopkins, Chris Kenrick, Linda Lakin and Clare Nixon.

In attendance: Jackie Essex – Clerk
 Parish Councillor John Hawkins
 1 member of the public

Apologies: John Hardman

20/17 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting. The Committee wished John Hardman a speedy recovery.

21/17 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Adrian Warwick declared an interest in any matter by reason of him being a member of Warwickshire County Council.

22/17 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 August 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

23/17 Financial Monitoring

The Clerk circulated the latest budget monitoring figures at the meeting.

Reference was made to the hanging tree branch along the Woodland Walk. Councillor Hawcutt offered to contact Russell Colledge, who had carried out recent tree works to look at this.

Adrian Warwick reported that following a list of outstanding issues which had been raised at the last parish council meeting, two officers from Warwickshire County Council Highways had carried out a site inspection in Wolvey. One of the concerns related to unsightly kerbside weeds and a quote for £475 had been received from WS Gardens to clear these weeds. If this work was carried out, officers from Warwickshire County Council had agreed to make good the kerbs after removal of the weeds. This would improve the appearance of the village and it was felt that this was too good an opportunity to miss.

As the Lengthsman budget was limited and funds had been earmarked for various other projects, and given that this work would improve and generally enhance the appearance of the village, the parish council was

hoping that a contribution for this work could be made from the Environment budget.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the budget figures be noted;
- (b) a minimum contribution of £155 be made from the Environment budget towards the cost of clearing the kerbside weeds; and
- (c) approval be given for Councillor Hawcutt to contact Russell Colledge regarding the hanging tree branch.

24/17 Work Schedule

The work schedule for October/November was circulated.

The following list of supplies required was also circulated:

Leaf blower	£199.99
Petrol for strimmers	£35.00
Metal discs laser cut (1 – 100)	£8.00
Wild flower seeds (250 grams)	£16-18
Daffodil bulbs (200)	£32.00
Drawstring black bags (60)	£10.00

The daffodil bulbs would be planted at both Coventry Road and Pipers End entrances to the village.

Ruth Buswell would let Councillor Hawcutt have the wording for the bridge plaque to enable him to provide a quote for supplying the plaque.

Ruth Buswell reported that she was still waiting to hear from David Cole, from Warwickshire County Council, regarding advice for the removal of the pond weed at the Wetland. Councillor Warwick offered to contact David Cole about this.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and the work schedule and list of supplies be approved.

25/17 Health and Safety

Ruth confirmed that step ladders would be used for the removal of hanging baskets.

26/17 Dog Fouling

The committee considered the increasing problem of dog fouling in the Wetland and around the village. Pete Hopkins had produced posters which

he would put up asking dog owners to clear up after their dogs and warning them of a fixed penalty of £75 or £1,000 fine if they failed to do so.

The Clerk had contacted Rugby Borough Council Community Wardens who had given advice on tackling this problem. She asked that any information on dates, times or known offenders be sent to her so that she could co-ordinate the information and pass it on to the Community Wardens.

27/17 Woodland Walk

This item was dealt with under minute 23/17 as it related to the hanging tree branch.

28/17 Any Other Business

(a) Councillor Warwick referred to the recent incidents of anti-social behaviour in the village. This matter would be considered at the next parish council meeting on 16 October, 2017.

The meeting ended at 8.45pm