

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLVEY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN WOLVEY BAPTIST CHAPEL ON
WEDNESDAY 11 APRIL 2018 at 8.00pm

Present: John Hardman (Chairman), Ruth Buswell, Pete Hopkins, Chris Kenrick, Linda Lakin, Clare Nixon and Adrian Warwick.

In attendance: Jackie Essex – Clerk
1 Member of the public

Apologies: Richard Hawcutt

47/18 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting.

48/18 Declarations of Interest

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

49/18 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

50/18 Financial Monitoring

The latest budget monitoring figures were circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED that the following under spends be carried forward to 2018/19:
Environment £269.59
Wetland £163.21

51/18 Work Schedule

The work schedule for April/May was circulated. The recent inclement weather had meant that some works e.g.:- strimming would have to be postponed.

52/18 Health and Safety

There were no health and safety issues to report.

53/18 Summer Bedding Quotes

The Clerk reported that three quotes had been obtained for the summer bedding. The lowest quote from Baginton Nurseries for the sum of £360.66 (including VAT) had been accepted.

54/18 Wetland Tree Survey

The Clerk reminded the Committee that the annual tree survey was due to be carried out at the Wetland. The Chairman would contact Russell Colledge and a list of priority tree work and costs would be drawn up.

55/18 Trust Status

The Chairman reported that WEG members had voted unanimously in support of the Wetland seeking Charitable Trust status and for it to be run by a Management Committee in a similar vein to Wolvey Playing Fields. Advice had been sought from Warwickshire CAVA and preliminary talks with the parish council had been held. The parish council had indicated that it would support this, in principle pending a formal request from this committee, and in the meantime it had delegated authority to the parish council Chairman and the Clerk to make enquiries with WALC.

RESOLVED that a formal request be made to Wolvey Parish Council for Wolvey Environment Committee to investigate the seeking of charitable trust status in respect of the Wetland.

56/18 Any Other Business

- (a) Ted Buswell had produced a sign made from oak for the Wetland. It was suggested that this could be erected at the bottom of Temple Hill, on the bend but it would need to be set back from the road so it did not impede visibility. It was suggested that prior to erecting the sign, mock sheeting could be erected on poles to give an indication of how the sign would look. The sign would need the approval of both the parish council and Warwickshire County Council Highways Officers. Adrian reported that he had recently been advised that parish councils had been given greater flexibility under Article 12 of the National Planning Policy Framework which exempted them from having to apply for planning consent in certain circumstances.

57/18 Chairman's Thanks

The Chairman thanked members of the committee for their contributions and work over the past year.

58/18 Date of next Meeting

Wednesday 13 June 2018 at 8.00pm.

The meeting ended at 8.35pm