

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLVEY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN WOLVEY BAPTIST CHAPEL ON
WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL 2017 at 8.00pm

Present: John Hardman (Chairman); Parish Councillor Adrian Warwick, Ruth Buswell, Pete Hopkins and Chris Kenrick

In attendance: Jackie Essex - Clerk
4 members of the public

Apologies: Councillor Richard Hawcutt, Linda Lakin and Clare Nixon

17/20 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting.

17/21 Declarations of Interest

None

17/22 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 1 February and 8 March 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

17/23 Work Schedule

The work schedule for April/May was circulated. Points discussed included:

- (a) the strimming and cutting of grass verge outside of the fence of the Wetland should be undertaken to prevent the grass growing too high and affecting traffic safety;
- (b) measures to encourage the creation of a wild flower area inside the Wetland boundary fence, including mowing and strimming timing, purchase of wild flower seed, seed matting, laying of hay should be investigated;
- (c) the completion of the signs adjacent to the Wetland boardwalk, weather permitting;
- (d) the adjustment of the bottom gate;
- (e) removal of stakes from daffodil planted area and daffodil bulbs be planted to fill in gaps at the next bulb planting in Bulkington Road;
- (f) the remaining Alder trees to be cut up and removed ;
- (g) concern over the extent of the leaf litter along Church Hill. It was suggested that WS Gardens could be utilised for this type of work under Lengthsman works.

RESOLVED that

- (a) Ruth Buswell circulated the revised WEG task list to members;
- (b) authority be delegated to the Chairman of WEC to approve the bringing forward of any works listed on the annual Schedule of Works; and

(c) Councillor Warwick and the Clerk look at the budget for the Lengthsman Scheme for the clearing of debris from Church Hill.

17/24 Tree Survey and Associated Works

Councillor Warwick confirmed that the parish council had agreed to carry forward £1,350 to the Wetland budget for 2017/18 to meet the cost of the works identified in the tree survey. The works would take approximately three days and would commence as soon as possible.

Four trees had been replanted along the Woodland Walk area.

The barrier to close the boardwalk extension could not be moved behind the benches because of allowing access to the closed woodland walk area.

17/25 Health and Safety

It was agreed that the boardwalk would be closed for public access when a generator was in use.

Risk assessments were on file and available to any volunteer. It was suggested that all risk assessments could be published on the website for volunteers to access for the specific area of work being carried out. John Hardman and Pete Hopkins would discuss the publishing of risk assessments on the website.

17/26 Any Other Business

(a) Financial Monitoring

Councillor Warwick reported that the Clerk would be responsible for financial and budget monitoring of expenditure incurred by WEC/MEG. Chris Kenrick reported that he had produced a spreadsheet which he wished to continue to keep updated. A procedure for financial and budget monitoring would need to be agreed.

(b) Outstanding Matters

It was agreed that Outstanding Matters would be included as a standard agenda item on future agendas.

The meeting ended at 8.45pm