

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLVEY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN WOLVEY BAPTIST CHAPEL ON
WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2017 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

Apologies: Richard Hawcutt

29/17 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting. The Chairman confirmed that the procedures relating to public speaking at committee meetings, as stated in the Parish Council's Standing Orders, would be strictly adhered to.

30/17 Declarations of Interest

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

31/17 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

32/17 Financial Monitoring

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

It was suggested that for clarification purposes in this Committee's budget figures, the Environment Budget would state £595 to reflect the £155 which had previously been vired to the Lengthsman budget towards the cost of clearing weeds from kerbs.

There was sufficient money in the budget for the purchase of a leaf blower. In addition, the strimmer required servicing.

The height of the hedge in The Square required reducing on grounds of highway safety to improve visibility. Adrian Warwick would contact Warwickshire County Council to try and obtain a copy of the original planting scheme which was agreed in approximately 2008/09.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the budget figures be noted;

- (b) the budget monitoring figures show the Environment Budget figure of £595 to reflect the contribution of £155 to the Lengthsman budget for the clearing the kerbside weeds; and
- (c) the purchase of a leaf blower at £199.99 and the servicing of the trimmer be agreed.

33/17 Work Schedule

The work schedule for December/January was circulated. Item 4 was amended to read "Identify costs for replacement of supports for top decking area."

A revised quote had been obtained from Russell Colledge for the cutting down of the tree branch along the Woodland Walk at a cost of £120, which did not now include its removal. The WEG volunteers would cut up and remove the branch, and the area would then need to be cleared.

RESOLVED that the work schedule be approved, subject to:

- (a) item 4 being amended as stated above; and
- (b) the inclusion of an additional task to clear up after the removal of the tree branch.

34/17 Health and Safety

The Chairman confirmed that the tree branch would be cut up by handsaw, not chainsaw.

35/17 Access to the Wetland

The Committee discussed requesting permission from the parish council to obtain quotes to allow for access for machinery and equipment through a section of fencing at the Wetland.

Due to possible highway implications and any permissions which might be required regarding access onto the highway, the Chairman would email the proposals to the Clerk for submission to Warwickshire County Council Highways.

RESOLVED that the proposed action be agreed.

36/17 Review of WEG Operational Objectives and Management Prescriptions and WEG Plan

The parish council had requested this Committee to review and update the above documents. The Chairman referred to a survey of the Wetland which had recently been undertaken by Warwickshire County Council and it had been mentioned that a County Council officer was to produce or comment upon a management plan for the Wetland Reserve.

RESOLVED that Warwickshire County Council be asked for an update on the production of a management plan for the Wetland and any further information, including a summary of the survey findings, which could assist in updating the current plan.

37/17 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed to change the date of the next meeting from Wednesday 14 February to Wednesday 7 February 2018.

The meeting ended at 8.50pm