



Wolvey Environment Group Committee

WOLVEY ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held at 7.30 pm on
Wednesday 10th August 2016
At Wolvey Baptist Chapel, School Lane,
Wolvey.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ruth Buswell, Ted Buswell, Pete Hopkins, Derek Nixon, Sid Hindmarsh,
Pat Hindmarsh, Jill Evans, Diane Dale, Mary Hardman, Linda Lakin Bob
Lakin, Paul Mallabone.
12 Members Present

IN ATTENDANCE: There were no Parishioners Present

- 16/014 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Chris Kenrick, Carol Emery, Richard Emery, Clare Nixon and John Hardman.
- 16/015 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON
PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ANY MATTER PERTAINING TO THE
AGENDA AND TO CONSIDER DISPENSATIONS**
No declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests to any matter pertaining to the
agenda were received.
- 16/016 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH JULY 2016
PROPOSED by Derek Nixon and SECONDED by Linda Lakin.**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes for the meeting held on 11th July 2016 be
confirmed and signed as a true and accurate record.
- 16/017 PARISHIONERS TIME**
No issues were raised.
- 16/018 TO DISCUSS TASKS AND ITEMS FOR ATTENTION IN THE NEXT FOUR
WEEKS**

A list of immediate and routine maintenance related tasks, including finishing the New Bridge, installing the New Signs and pruning and reshaping the Willow Hide and Willow Arbour was drawn up.

It was **RESOLVED** that the action plan and list of tasks be submitted to Wolvey Parish Council at the next council meeting.

16/019 TO REVIEW FINANCIAL MATTERS

The members discussed if the group wished to manage its own Budget. A proposal that as the present system works satisfactory the group would not manage its own budget was received.

PROPOSED by Derek Nixon and SECONDED by Linda Lakin.

It was RESOLVED that for the present the group would not wish to manage its own budget and would keep the status quo.

16/020 TO NOTE ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The chair suggested that a working group was needed to carry out urgent routine maintenance at Wolvey Wetland Reserve.

It was RESOLVED that WEG members would meet at 9.30am on Saturday 13th August 2016 at Wolvey Wetland Reserve to perform routine maintenance tasks.

It was noted that an invasive alien weed (New Zealand Pigmy weed - *Crassula helmsii*) is present in the Wetland pond and is beginning to spread onto the banks and onto the island. Warwickshire Wildlife Trust has provided the WEG with advice on how to check its growth. The most effective method being to starve it of light and oxygen, treat it with a herbicide then leave it for at least six months before composting the remains.

It was RESOLVED to try and remove the weed from the pond in the autumn or winter when it is dormant. Then isolate between the two gates storage area by the cattle bridge then either covering it with heavy duty plastic sheeting (or in suitable plastic bags) for at least six months.

Further discussion took place about the possibility a strip of land a few metres wide on the inside of the wetland fence being cut regularly to keep the foliage height in check. It had previously been noted that it could become an area similar to a wild flower meadow.

The options for turning the strip into a wild flower meadow were outlined and it was suggested that the most cost effective method would be to introduce a strimming program with the a view of reestablishing natural flora (wild flowers) to the strip.

This action was agreed in principle, dates and times etc. to be agreed at a future meeting.

16/021 TO CONFIRM THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday 14th September 2016 at Wolvey Baptist Chapel.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 8:25 p.m.