



Wolvey Environment Group Committee

WOLVEY ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held at 7.30 pm on
Wednesday 16th November 2016
At Wolvey Baptist Chapel,
School Lane, Wolvey.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ruth Buswell, Ted Buswell, Clare Nixon, Pete Hopkins, Jill Evans,
Pat Hindmarsh, John Hardman, Mary Hardman, Linda Lakin,
Bob Lakin, Carol Emery, Roy Lewis.
13 Members Present

IN ATTENDANCE: No Parishioners were Present

- 16/042 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Chris Kenrick, Diane Dale, Derek Nixon, Sid Hindmarsh and Paul Mallabone.
- 16/043 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.
- 16/044 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th OCTOBER 2016
PROPOSED** by Clare Nixon and **SECONDED** by Pat Hindmarsh.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes for the meeting held on 12th October
2016 be confirmed and signed as a true and accurate record.
- 16/045 PARISHIONERS TIME**
No issues were raised

16/046 TO DISCUSS TASKS CARRIED OUT SINCE THE LAST MEETING.

The first stage of repairs to the fence between the Woodland Walk and the meadow were completed. The cutting back of reeds on the outside of the Wetland Pond is now complete.

16/047 TO DISCUSS TASKS AND ITEMS FOR ATTENTION IN THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS.

A list of immediate and routine maintenance related tasks, Including:
Taking delivery and installation of Grass Grids for the New Pathway extension to the Woodland Walk to Stabilizing and Decorating the Christmas tree in Wolvey Village Square.

Wood Piles

There are an excessive number of wood piles that were piled against the fence bordering the meadow along the Woodland Walk. Before replacing parts of the fence, some piles needed to be moved to enable work to proceed. It was agreed that the number of wood piles should be reduced and the WEG asked Roy Lewis for permission to have bonfire(s) in the meadow. Roy confirmed that there will not be any cows in the meadow over the winter and has given his permission for the bonfire(s).

New Signage

It was suggested that the installation of the remaining New Sign into the Lectern and silicon sealing of the Lecterns etc. would be better left until the spring 2017 when the weather is more suitable. However WEG members Ted, Chris and Pete are to discuss the possibility of completing the task sooner.

Reed Production

The Chair has received advice from Tim Precious (Warwickshire Wildlife Trust) on how to proceed with the reed control at the Wetland Pond. It was agreed to invite Tim to the Wetland to explain more and discuss the options.

Tim is also seeking advice from the Environment Agency's Invasive Species Officer on the best way of controlling the invasive New Zealand Pigmy Weed at the wetland.

Perimeter Fence

A discussion took place on how proceed with the strimming of a strip a few metres wide around the inside of the perimeter fence at the Wetland and once strimmed if the area could be turned into a Wild Flower Meadow.

It was suggested that to encourage Wild Flowers Seeds that may lie dormant beneath the excessive growth in this area, the grass would need to be cut 2 or 3 times a year for 2 or 3 years, an alternative would be to unroll and lay Wild Flower Hay Bales down after the strip of grass has been strimmed in the spring.

It was agreed to take advice on when to trim the excessive growth, then try both the above methods in small predestinated areas. It was suggested that an approach could be made to Bill Chase to assess the availability of one of his Wild Flower Hay Bales.

16/048

TO DISCUSS THE WORDING OF A PLAQUE ON THE NEW BRIDGE

Various suggestions were made for an appropriate name for the New Bridge in the Wetland's Woodland Walk and the suggestion with the most support was **The Woodland Bridge 2016**. It was agreed that a plaque should also contain reference that the bridge was built by members of Wolvey Environmental Group.

Pete will provide the chair with details (cost etc.) of the plaque purchased for the Field in Trust Cairn and the chair will check the cost of a plaque similar to those purchased for the benches at the Wetland.

Further discussion will take place on if and where to place a suitable Plaque/Sign making reference to the grant providers, sponsors, bridge supplier etc.

16/049

NEW CODES FOR THE BAPTIST CHAPEL SHED

Members were informed of the four digit code for the recently fitted Alarm at the Baptist Shed they were further reminded of the code for the lock on the Shed's Doors.

16/050

CHRISTMAST TREE STABILISATION & DECORATING ARRANGEMENTS

Wolvey Village Christmas Tree was delivered on November 7th a week earlier than expected. Due to members prior commitments the date for decorating the tree has been rescheduled to Saturday 26th November. However because the tree is listing slightly a WEG working party will meet on Sunday 20th November to straighten and stabilise the Tree.

16/051

TO DISCUSS WEG'S NIGHT OUT

It was agreed that the Environmental Group's Night Out will be on a Wednesday evening in January 2017. Various suggestions for a venue were considered. The Chair has agreed to make enquiries at the Bulls Head Wolvey.

16/052

CHRISTMAS SWITCH-ON ARRANGEMENTS

The Chair appealed for WEG members to act as traffic marshals and or help out in the kitchen at the Village Hall at the Switch-on, on Sunday December 4th.
Because of a Tai Chi class access to the village Hall is denied until 12.30pm.
The Marshals will need to be in the Square for 5.30pm for switch-on at 6.00pm.
Pete will be setting up the WEG Display in the Village Hall and has asked for help in manning the Display Stand between 5.30 and the close.

16/053

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

New WEG Committee Members

Due to the resignation of Councillor Clare Nixon from Wolvey Parish Council, Councillor Dee Kenrick was co-opted as a Council representative on the WEG Committee. Clare Nixon was co-opted as a regular member of WEG Committee.

WEG Displays

The main WEG Display was on show at the recent Neighbourhood Plan Open Day. As well as the Display, Wolvey Local History Group Displayed the large Map that WEG members created for the Millennium celebrations in 2012. Plus, the WEG's Wolvey from the Air DVD was also projected on to a screen during the event.

The Display, Map and DVD were generally well received and the Group has since received an email from the secretary of the Neighbourhood Plan committee thanking the group for its contribution to the event.

Neighbourhood Plan Open Day

Comments from the Open Day regarding the Wetland were discussed. The Group were informed of the possibility of the setting up of an Environmental Theme Group. WEG members would like to be involved.

Owl Box

It was reported that the owl box in the Woodland Walk has fallen from the tree, the chair said that it had already been reported.

16/054

TO CONFIRM THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

This meeting will be followed by the group's Annual Binge and Winge, this is a social event where members are requested to bring a plate of food to share with the group.

There being no other business the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 8:50pm