



## **Wolvey Environment Group Committee**

# **WOLVEY ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP COMMITTEE**

## ***MINUTES OF MEETING***

Held at 7.30 pm on  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October**  
**2016**

At Wolvey Baptist Chapel,  
School Lane, Wolvey.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ruth Buswell, Ted Buswell, Clare Nixon, Pete Hopkins, Pat Hindmarsh, Jill Evans, John Hardman, Mary Hardman, Chris Kenrick, Linda Lakin, Bob Lakin.  
11 Members Present

**IN ATTENDANCE:** There were no Parishioners Present

- 16/030**      **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Diane Dale, Carol Emery and Paul Mallabone.
- 16/031**      **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.
- 16/032**      **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER  
2016**  
PROPOSED by Chris Kenrick and SECONDED by Linda Lakin.  
  
It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes for the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 be confirmed and signed as a true and accurate record.
- 16/033**      **PARISHIONERS TIME**  
No issues were raised

**16/034 TO DISCUSS TASKS CARRIED OUT SINCE THE LAST MEETING.**

Work has started on the fence between the Woodland Walk and the meadow which was in need of repair. Members replaced some posts and rails. There is enough suitable wood to repair another 3 to 4 metres. Farmer Roy Lewis has agreed to repair the remainder of the fence.

The new Bridge is finished and the new path has been cleared in readiness for the new grass grids which are on order.

Three WEG members have had instruction and training on how to use the new Brush Cutter which they collected from Sedan's of Rugby.

The Tree adjacent to the Second Sign at the wetland has been pruned back away from the sign.

A working party completed a general tidy up at the wetland including strimming excessive growth along the edges of the Boardwalks with the new Brush Cutter, tidying up the wild flower garden etc.

The Hanging Baskets, Planters, Tubs etc. in and around Wolvey Square have either been removed or have had the plants removed plus the square has been tidied up for the winter.

**16/035 TO DISCUSS TASKS AND ITEMS FOR ATTENTION IN THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS.**

A list of immediate and routine maintenance related tasks, Including: Completing the repairs to the Fence along the Woodland Walk. Installing Grass Grids along the New Pathway. Completing the installation of the New Signage, cutting back some of the reeds on the outside of the Wetland Pond and strimming a strip a few metres wide around the inside of the perimeter fence at the wetland were drawn up.

It was agreed to leave removing the reeds in the pond for another month.

PROPOSED by Clare Nixon and SECONDED by John Hardman.

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

**16/036 TO REVIEW FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Consideration and further discussions as to whether the group wished to manage its own budget in the next financial year was deferred to spring 2017.

**16/037 FEEDBACK ON THE NEW EQUIPMENT PURCHASED AND USED**

It was reported that WEG member Derek Nixon used the new Stripper/Brush Cutter for the first time on Oct 1<sup>st</sup> to trim excessive growth along the edges of the Boardwalks. The new Stripper/Brush Cutter performed well and should prove a great asset for the group.

**16/038 RUGBY IN BLOOM CEREMONY**

Four WEG members attended this year's Rugby in Bloom Ceremony which was held at the Rugby's Benn Hall on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

Wolvey won seven awards in total, Wolvey Environmental Group won Gold for the Wetland and Silver for Wolvey Square plus the Baptist Chapel (which the WEG also provides the Tubs & Hanging Baskets for) also won Silver.

**Other Wolvey Awards:**

Wolvey Surgery – First Prize and Overall Winner in the Shops & Offices Category

The Blue Pig – Second in the Pubs, Hotels & Restaurants Category

Carol Emery - (WEG Member) Second in the first time entry category.

Joan Bassett – Joint Second in the Small Garden Category.

**16/039**

**CHRISTMAS TREE SWITCH-ON INFORMATION**

This year's Christmas tree will be delivered the week beginning 14th November and decorating will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> weather permitting or if not the 26<sup>th</sup>.

A new electronic timer will be fitted in time for the Switch-on and the Chair appealed for volunteers from WEG to be traffic marshals and to help in the kitchen at the Village Switch-on evening on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

**16/040**

**TO NOTE ANY OTHER BUSINES**

**Fence bordering the Woodland Walk**

It was reported that the wood recently donated to the WEG for fence repairs by Mr. Alford was mainly softwood and would not have the longevity of hardwood or was of suitable quality for fence repairs.

It was suggested that a WEG member should speak to Mr. Alford and explain the situation.

PROPOSED by Bob Lakin and SECONDED by John Hardman.

It was **RESOLVED** that a WEG member would speak to Mr. Alford

**Tracks in the Grass:**

Tracks in the grass have appeared in the grass to and from the woodland toward the new pathway. It isn't known if this is caused by animal or human activity.

It was stressed people and dogs should be encouraged to keep to the boardwalk or paths provided.

**Moth nights:**

Moth enthusiasts recently paid one of their regular visits to Wolvey Wetland and set up moth traps at various points on the reserve. They had a relatively successful evening and will provide the group with a report and moth count in due course.

The moth people reported that one particular moth lives only on Woody Nightshade and would encourage us to retain patches of Woody Nightshade on the reserve. They also reported that although here to the early hours there were no sightings of any mammal activity that could explain the tracks in the grass to and from the woodland areas.

**New Signage at the Wetland:**

Because of unsuitable weather and members availability, the 3 lecterns are still waiting to be Silicon sealed. One lectern needs some attention due to water damage and is awaiting repair.

**WEG Displays:**

The display at Wolvey Local History Group Open Afternoon on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 in Wolvey Baptist Chapel, was very well received and the event attracted a record attendance.

Members were reminded of forthcoming WEG displays at the Neighbourhood Plan Open Day on 15<sup>th</sup> October in Wolvey Village Hall and at the Christmas Lights Switch-on on 4<sup>th</sup> December also in Wolvey Village Hall; any help with setting up and manning the stands at either or both events would be much appreciated.

**16/041**

**TO CONFIRM THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at Wolvey Baptist Chapel.

There being no other business the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 8:45 p.m.