



Wolvey Environment Group Committee

WOLVEY ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held at 7.30 pm on
Wednesday 14th September 2016
At Wolvey Baptist Chapel, School Lane,
Wolvey.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Clare Nixon , Pete Hopkins, Derek Nixon, Sid Hindmarsh, Pat Hindmarsh,
Jill Evans, Diane Dale, John Hardman, Mary Hardman, Chris Kenrick,
Linda Lakin, Bob Lakin, Carol Emery.
13 Members Present

IN ATTENDANCE: There were no Parishioners Present

- 16/022 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Ruth Buswell, Ted Buswell and Paul Mallabone.
- 16/023 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.
- 16/024 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th AUGUST 2016
PROPOSED by Derek Nixon and SECONDED by Linda Lakin.**
- It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes for the meeting held on 10th AUGUST
2016 be confirmed and signed as a true and accurate record.
- 16/025 PARISHIONERS TIME**
No issues were raised.
- 16/026 TO DISCUSS TASKS AND ITEMS FOR ATTENTION IN THE NEXT FOUR
WEEKS**

A list of immediate and routine maintenance related tasks, including Watering in the Square etc., Trimming back growth along the edges of the boardwalk, Finishing the New Pathway by laying Grass Grids, Completing the installation of the New Signs and Pruning and reshaping the Willow Hide, Willow Arbour and the Tree adjacent to the second sign 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.

16/027 TO REVIEW FINANCIAL MATTERS

Further consideration was given as to whether the group wished to manage its own Budget. It was decided that in absence of the chair further discussions would take place at the next meeting.

PROPOSED by Pete Hopkins and SECONDED by John Hardman.

It was **RESOLVED** that that further discussion be held over to October's meeting.

16/028 TO NOTE ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The vice 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 9.00am on Saturday 1st October 2016 at Wolvey Wetland Reserve to perform routine maintenance tasks.

Fence bordering the Woodland Walk

The Fence between the Woodland Walk and the meadow is in poor condition and WEG were under the impression that it was our responsibility to repair it. However it was reported that farmer Roy Lewis wants to facilitate the repair and has asked the WEG to edge back the log piles and other obstructions and leave a clear path to the fence.

It was **RESOLVED** that WEG member Sid Hindmarsh and A.N Other would clear all obstructions to enable Roy to complete the repairs

Nightshade

It was been reported to a WEG member that Deadly Nightshade was present on the reserve. However the Nightshade at the wetland is Woody Nightshade and although toxic is no more dangerous than many other garden plants. The red berries are bitter and unpalatable and if eaten would only cause mild sickness.

Woody Nightshade has been identified in three areas at the wetland, two of which in normal circumstances would not present a problem. The third area is under and around the bench by the pond which for safety reasons could be removed.

It was proposed that the Woody Nightshade in and around this bench would be removed.

PROPOSED by Pete Hopkins and SECONDED by Chris Kenrick.

It was **RESOLVED** to remove the Woody Nightshade in and around this bench.

New Signs at the Wetland

The 3 lecterns have been cleaned and 2 of the 3 signs have now been installed. The third sign needs some attention due to water damage and is awaiting repair. It has been decided

that as well as sealing the frames to the perspex protective sheets on the outside... the perspex sheets will in future be also silicon sealed to the inside of the frames. This should prevent further water damage.

It was RESOLVED that (weather permitting) WEG members Pete Hopkins and Chris Kenrick would seal the 3 lecterns on Monday 18th September 2016.

The second lectern has been in poor condition due to mess caused by birds that perch in the large tree (a self setter) adjacent to the lectern. It was suggested that this tree be removed altogether, however as this would involve the use of a chainsaw which is not on WEGS approved list of power tools this would require the hiring of a professional Tree Surgeon. It was decided to only remove the lower branches directly above the lectern to discourage birds from landing.

It was RESOLVED that (weather permitting) WEG members Sid Hindmarsh and Derek Nixon would prune the tree on Saturday 17th September 2016.

Safety Equipment and Strimmer/Brush Cutter

The question of the purchase and delivery of safety equipment and the proposed purchase of a professional Strimmer/Brush Cutter was raised.

The safety equipment is on order and the Strimmer/Brush Cutter is ready to pick up from Sedons of Rugby, however any users would require some basic instruction before Sedons would release the tool to the WEG.

WEG members John Hardman, Derek Nixon and Chris Kenrick volunteered to pick up the Strimmer from Sedons of Rugby. All three members would receive the instruction and training provided by Sedons and these three would be the only permitted users of the tool.

It was RESOLVED that the three members would pick up the Strimmer from Sedons of Rugby on Wednesday 21st September 2016.

Rugby in Bloom 2016

Wolvey Square has been awarded 2nd place in this year's Rugby in Bloom Competition, Wolvey Baptist Chapel's display has also received a second place as has WEG member Carol Emery for her front garden.

Wolvey Wetland Reserve may have also been successful but although an invite to the award ceremony was received there was no letter of confirmation of an award. The vice chair is to make enquiries to the Rugby in Bloom organizers,

This year's award ceremony is at the Benn Hall on Thursday 6th Oct in Rugby. The Vice Chair took the names of those who would like to attend (places permitting).

Village Christmas Tree 2016

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

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

Forthcoming WEG Displays

Members were reminded of forthcoming WEG displays at Wolvey Local History Group Open Afternoon on Saturday 1st October 2016 in Wolvey Baptist Chapel, also at the Neighbourhood Plan Open Day on 15th October in Wolvey Village Hall and at the Christmas Lights Switch-on on 4th December also in Wolvey Village Hall.

16/029**TO CONFIRM THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday 12th October 2016 at Wolvey Baptist Chapel.

There being no other business the Vice Chair declared the Meeting closed at 8:55 p.m.