

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLVEY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**  
**HELD IN WOLVEY BAPTIST CHAPEL ON**  
**WEDNESDAY 9 AUGUST 2017 at 8.00pm**

**Present:** John Hardman (Chairman); Parish Councillors Richard Hawcutt and Adrian Warwick, Ruth Buswell, Pete Hopkins, Chris Kenrick, Linda Lakin and Clare Nixon

**In attendance:** Jackie Essex - Clerk  
1 member of the public

**13/17 Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting.

**14/17 Declarations of Interest**

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

**15/17 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**16/17 Financial Monitoring**

The latest budget monitoring figures were circulated with the agenda.

**RESOLVED** that the budget figures be noted.

**17/17 Work Schedule**

The work schedule for August/September was circulated.

Adrian Warwick reported that following receipt of a complaint about poor visibility due to bushes in The Square, he had made enquiries with officers from Warwickshire County Council Highways concerning maintenance arrangements. Warwickshire County Council had confirmed that the parish council could continue to maintain the planting scheme, provided the necessary insurance and paperwork were in place and the height and spread of the bushes were reduced. It was suggested that the Hypericum bushes be reduced to 6 inches in September to encourage low flowering branches.

The Clerk would confirm with the parish council's insurers that volunteers were insured for works carried out in The Square.

A response had not yet been received in respect of the invasive weed from the Environment Agency. David Cole, Assistant Ecologist with

Warwickshire County Council, had also been approached for information on the invasive weed. It was reported at the meeting that the weed appeared to be reducing and had disappeared near the decking area. Brandon Nature Reserve was trialing a bug/mite from New Zealand to tackle this weed and it was thought that this would not have any adverse effect on the surrounding environment.

The Committee discussed the erection of a sign at the Wetland. Members did not think it appropriate to fix the sign on the wetland fence as it would have a detrimental impact on the overall appearance of the fence. The sign could be erected inside the fence and care should be taken to ensure that it was in keeping and not intrusive. WEG volunteers and Richard Hawcutt would draw up proposals for and the erection of a new sign.

#### **18/17 Health and Safety**

Risk assessments had been signed. Tree surveys were scheduled for August. Richard Hawcutt would produce green or brown discs numbered 1 - 20 for the tree surveys.

#### **19/17 Any Other Business**

(a) The committee considered the provision of an aluminum plaque to be located on the inside of the bridge which would state that the Woodland bridge was built by WEG in 2016.

(b) Ruth agreed to attend the next Fosse Forum meeting on Wednesday 13 September at Pailton Village Hall to give a short presentation on the work of WEG.

(c) Adrian and Ruth would choose a 20ft Christmas tree for The Square. Adrian and Richard would look at repairing the Christmas tree lights.

(d) John Hardman reported on the requirement for any developer who caused damage to the environment to fund an alternative environmental scheme. This must, however, be a new scheme and could not apply to the maintenance of an existing scheme. One suggestion was for a wild flower meadow inside the Leicester Road boundary fence of the Wetland. This would involve a legal agreement with Warwickshire County Council over a 30 year period which would require careful consideration. WEG would investigate this further and report back to the parish council on its findings. In the meantime, it was agreed that discussions also be held with Gary Kirk from Your Locale on any proposals within the Neighbourhood Plan.

The meeting ended at 8.40pm