

Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on the 7th December 2020 online via Zoom at 6:00pm.

Present:

Peter Williams - Chair (PW) Mary James (MJ)
Charlotte Vinnicombe (CV) Alistair Morris – Vice Chair (AM)
Tim Cann (Clerk)

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ENV 20/12/01 Intensions to record the proceedings of the meeting:
NONE.

ENV 20/12/02 Apologies: Louise Milford – Unwell.

ENV 20/12/03 Declaration of Interests: None.

ENV 20/12/04 Public Participation: None.

ENV 20/12/05 Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th August 2020: It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the meeting.

ENV 20/12/06 Matters Arising: The Clerk advised that the Environment Leaflet was at the printers and should take a couple of days, it is hoped it will be ready for the Council meeting on Wednesday evening.

ENV 20/12/07 Environment Policy: The Clerk informed the Committee that this was a compilation from other Parish Councils as well as advice from the OALC. There is legislation which state that Councils must consider the impact its decisions have on the environment. It was **RESOLVED** to amend:

To plant 3 trees for every tree that must be removed with

To aim to plant, replace trees for every tree that must be removed.

It was also **RESOLVED** to remove:

Improve the quality of its working environment.

ENV 20/12/08 Discuss the environmental impact of potential developments in Mill Lane: PW read out Dr Davis letter. Some of the concerns were:

- Residents unaware,
- Increased traffic – during construction and post construction,
- Affects on environment, conservation area, air quality,
- Danger for cyclists and pedestrians,
- Nothing from Oxford Preservation Trust and development will be next to their land.

Possible actions considered:

- A comprehensive petition,
- Legal action (PW felt this was a last resort),
- Invite representative(s) from Hill View Farm development to a meeting (Council meeting or separate), like Almond Farm did.

PW stated to try and engage with developers rather than seek a battle from the start.

After some discussion it was **RESOLVED** that PW would construct a letter to be presented to the full Council at its meeting on Wednesday.

ENV 20/12/09 **Information Sharing**: Nothing to discuss.

ENV 20/12/10 **Urgent Matters**: MJ mentioned the proposed upgrade of the footpath through Boult's Lane to include a cycle track. There is concern about the safety of players on the pitch and proximity of the possible cycle track and general security of the playing field from possible unwanted activities.

ENV 20/12/11 **Date of Next Meeting**: TBA.

Meeting closed: 7:05pm