

Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on the 24th February 2022 in the Roy Garner Pavilion from 7:30pm.

Present:

Parish Council:

Peter Williams (PW) – Chairman Mary James (MJ)

Louise Milford (LM) Charlotte Vinnicombe (CV)

Alistair Morris (AM) Tim Cann (Clerk)

ENV 22/02/01 Intention to record the proceedings of the meeting: NONE.

ENV 22/02/02 Apologies for Absence: Skye Denno

ENV 22/02/03 Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 3rd December 2021. It was **RESOLVED** these are a true record.

ENV 22/02/04 Matters Arising (omitting those for which an agenda heading follows): NONE.

ENV 22/02/05 Jubilee Tree Planting locations/Species:

- AM has identified at least ten locations where trees have been removed but not replaced. It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that replacing trees should be a priority.
- AM advised that both the County and City Councils charge £500 per tree for them to buy and plant. It was **RESOLVED** to recommend alternative sources be found.
- It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would write to city council for agreement in principle to locations and varieties.
- It was also **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council could set a budget for the project.

ENV 22/02/06 Feedback from Climate Change Workshop:

- The Committee thanked CV for writing up such comprehensive notes and it was **RESOLVED** that CV would add the links to the notes and once agreed by the Council they will be posted on the website.

AM advised that there were various individuals/groups who had agreed to work on various projects such as:

- look into community shared home retrofits,
- offer information on Solid Wall insulation
- investigate possibility of Community Shop
- research anti flooding measures

Signed by the Chairman.

- consider carpool (New Marston) and community shared electric car club
- growing of Street vegetables and herbs.

Each will write a short report for the parish council.

The Mortimer Hall may be eligible for a free Energy Efficiency Test. The Clerk has passed all the information on to the Mortimer Hall management Committee.

ENV 22/02/07 Maintaining Back Lane:

As Back Lane is a Right of Way its maintenance is not the responsibility of the Parish Council.

CV advised the committee that she was organising a working party to sympathetically tidy up Back Lane.

CV had received written confirmation from the City Council about the legal issues with the County Council upgrading Back Lane which she would forward to the Clerk.

ENV 22/02/08 Items of an urgent nature which have come to the Clerk's attention since the agenda was set: NONE.

ENV 22/02/09 Information sharing (including correspondence):

- MJ asked about the Bee Square project. The Clerk advised that obtaining funding had not been successful. It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Council that a large bag of wildflower seeds is brought with a quantity of small envelopes and AM offered to help with bagging.

ENV 22/02/10 Date of Next Meeting: Monday 21st March 2022 at 6pm

MEETING CLOSED: 8:25pm

Signed by the Chairman.