

## Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on the 27th April 2020 online via Zoom at 6:00pm.

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### Present:

Peter Williams - Chairman (PW)    Mary James (MJ)  
Louise Milford (LM)                      Alistair Morris - Vice Chairman(AM)  
Tim Cann (Clerk)

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ENV 20/04/01 Intensions to record the proceedings of the meeting:  
NONE.

ENV 20/04/02 Apologies: Charlotte Vinnicombe - Prior commitment.

ENV 20/04/03 Declaration of Interests: None.

ENV 20/04/04 Public Participation: None.

ENV 20/04/05 Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th January 2020: It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the meeting.

ENV 20/04/06 Matters Arising: There were no matters to be discussed.

ENV 20/04/07 Recommendations from Julian Cooper, Countryside & Play Supervisor at Oxford Direct Services: LM asked what it meant by native hedging? AM advised that it meant traditional hedge plants natural to Britain such as Hawthorn etc. PW asked about cost of laying a hedge. AM stated that he used to do this and a few years ago it was £9 per meter.

AM proposed that all recommendations were accepted.

LM stated that Possibly for Boults Lane Recreation Ground but the Mortimer Hall Recreation Ground already had wrought Iron railings so had a boundary.

MJ in agreement with LM.

AM suggested instead of hedging in Mortimer Hall Recreation Ground to have a band of wildflowers.

General agreement with the two triangles.

PW brought the Committees attention to Mr. Wards email about the paddock at the rear of the cemetery. He said that there are some strong feelings towards the cemetery area which needed to be kept in mind. Therefore, before any decision can be considered, the Council needs to be clear what the original agreement or deed on the land says regarding its origin intended use.

After some discussion it was **RESOLVED** the Clerk investigations further on the cemetery and rear paddock deed.

PW said about the triangle of land owned by the Oxford City Council where there has been a sign erected stopping people entering.

He is also greatly concerned about the land adjacent to the Ring road and the parish boundary, the Parish will be consumed with development and the resulting increased traffic if development goes ahead.

[ENV 20/04/08 Information Sharing](#): AM is preparing a climate leaflet. It was agreed that this should be sent to the Clerk who would circulate with the next Committee agenda for discussion.

All said about the impact the virus and subsequent lockdown has had resulting in more walking for exercise. This made them aware of the local number of enjoyable walks available.

[ENV 20/04/09 Urgent Matters](#): There was no matters of an urgent nature brought to the Clerks attention.

[ENV 20/04/10 Date of Next Meeting](#): Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 6pm via Zoom.

[Meeting closed](#): 6:50pm