

# CODICOTE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2014, in the Parish Council Offices, 107a High Street, Codicote which commenced at 7:35pm

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**PRESENT:** Chairman, Cllr B Hillan with Councillors, H Gregory and J Warwick

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Lorraine Ellis (Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillor J Grant (holiday).

2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014:**

The minutes of the above meeting were taken as read and duly noted.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

**E013 Update on the Quarry:** The Clerk reported that the Codicote Quarry Action Group would be meeting shortly to discuss their next course of action. It was noted that Rob Egan, the HCC Principal Planning Officer (Enforcement) had indicated that the Quarry were still importing concrete into the site for road construction purposes.

**E010 Update on The Opening:** Councillor Warwick reported that he had attended a County Court hearing in Luton in March to give evidence in the matter relating to The Opening. It has taken 6 six years for the matter to arrive at this stage. The Judge's decision of whether of whether there is a right of way or not through The Opening is awaited.

4. **TO DISCUSS HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

**E012** The Committee reviewed the recent correspondence received from a resident regarding, in their view, deficient in terms of highways matters that have not been attended to for a long period of time.  
It was noted that Hertfordshire Highways had recently cleared out the majority of the gullies in Codicote.

5. **TO DISCUSS THE INCREASE IN DOG FOULING:**

**E013** The Clerk advised the Committee that residents of Dollimore Close had contacted the Police regarding dog fouling activities in this vicinity, it is understood that the dog is owned by a resident of the Poynders Meadow retirement home and has been allowed to wander. The Police have contacted North Hertfordshire Homes (the registered owners of the home) and have provided public nuisance notices which have been placed in Dollimore Close.

The Clerk to contact the Enforcement Officer at NHDC to ascertain whether or not it would be possible to have a bye-law for the Council's sportsfield and play areas.

6. **UPDATE ON RECENT ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ISSUES:**

**E014** The Committee discussed the recent increase in anti-social behaviour especially in the play areas, it is understood that there has been an increase in the number of Eastern Europeans living at the Travellers site, this site should be purely for the use of Travellers. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Mary Caldwell at NHDC and to the Police requesting that they investigate the matter and to enquire as to where complaints should be directed.

**7. URGENT BUSINESS:**

**E015** The Clerk reported that Phil Hewett, the Council's Litter Picker had resigned due to ill health. It was agreed that this matter should be discussed further at the next meeting.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8:25pm

**Signed..... Chairman of Environment**

**Date..... 2014**