

CODICOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held on Thursday 20th March 2014, in the Parish Council Offices, 107a High Street, Codicote which commenced at 7:45pm

PRESENT: Acting Chairman, Cllr J Warwick with Councillors, J Grant and H Gregory

IN ATTENDANCE: Lorraine Ellis (Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillor B Hillan (holiday).

2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20th FEBRUARY 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 County Councillor Richard Thake has been invited to attend the Full Council meeting on 25th March to provide an update on the Quarry as agreed at the 28th January meeting. It was noted that an accident had occurred recently close to the quarry and had damaged the banking.

4. **TO AGREE THE 2014 P3 WORK PROGRAMME:**

E008 The Acting Chairman detailed to the Committee to the proposed P3 work programme for 2014.

Footpath 15: Located nr the quarry at the Kimpton Road end. Clear leaves and soil from steps and to apply anti slip material.

Footpath 11: Replace wood steps, realign lower part with a slope to alleviate the steepness on the bend nr Mansells Farm as the steps have collapsed.

Footpath 29: Replace broken rail on kissing gate at the end of Slip Lane opposite the Robin Hood PH.

Footpath 5: Surface work improvements at Codicote Heights, Rabley Heath Road end.

The Committee agreed the proposed work programme, the Clerk to forward the completed form to Groundwork Hertfordshire for their consideration.

5. **BURY LANE ALLOTMENT UPDATE:**

E009 The Clerk reported that due to the recent wet weather that the planned review of the allotments has been deferred to the end of March. The last review in September indicated that three plots needed to be worked or the tenancies would be terminated. Currently there are five residents on the waiting list for a plot.

6. **UPDATE ON THE OPENING:**

E010 The Acting Chairman reported that he had been asked by Hertfordshire Highways to attend Luton County Court to give evidence in the case to determine the right of way through The Opening. He explained that he was able to provide evidence dating back some 50 years. It is anticipated that a decision will be reached shortly.

7. TO DISCUSS PARKING ISSUES NEAR TOWER ROAD

E011 The Committee reviewed the e-mails received regarding a request to install a parking lay-by in the High Street near the junction with Tower Road. It was agreed not to support the request to install parking bays in this particular area. The Clerk to notify County Councillor Richard Thake accordingly.

The Acting Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8:30pm

Signed..... Acting Chairman of Environment

Date..... 2014