

# CODICOTE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014, in the Parish Council Offices, 107a High Street, Codicote which commenced at 7:45pm

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

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

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

None.

2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2013:**

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

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

**E013 Update on the Quarry:** It was noted that County Councillor Richard Thake had acknowledged receipt of the Council's letter and that he has agreed to attend the next Full Council meeting on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January to provide Councillors with an update on the current situation.

**E026 Dog fouling signage:** The Clerk reported that two new signs have been erected near the school to replace the magnetic signs that had been removed.

4. **HERTFORDSHIRE WASTE SITE ALLOCATIONS CONSULTATION:**

**E001** The Hertfordshire Waste Site Allocations document on the proposed modifications was considered. It was noted that responses should only refer to the specific changes proposed by HCC and not to the original content of the Waste Site Allocations document, therefore it was agreed that the amendments were not relevant and that there would not be any impact on Codicote. It was agreed therefore not to respond to the HCC consultation.

5. **TO DISCUSS TREE WORKS AT THE ALLOTMENTS:**

**E002** Councillor Warwick reported that the avenue of trees adjoining the allotment site were too low to enable access to the hedges and that the trees needed to be lifted. The work will be undertaken in February and would cost approximately £200. It was also noted that work should also be undertaken to reduce the tree and hedges in Church Close, the work will be carried out shortly.

6. **TO CONSIDER PRUNING FRUIT TREES IN THE ORCHARD:**

**E003** It is understood that the fruit trees need to be pruned every 2 years, there are 8 trees in total that should be pruned this year. The Committee agreed that the work should be carried out within the next 2 weeks

7. **URGENT BUSINESS:**

**E004** Councillor Warwick reported that the Ringway Engineer had been able to visit Codicote and carry out a review of a number of areas:-

- **Drains** – Clearance of the drains has been programmed to be undertaken for sometime however the worst ones in the High Street (outside The Bell, Chemist, Robarts) and one in Heath Lane will be cleared as a matter of urgency.

- **Hedges** – A section of hedge in Cowards Lane is the responsibility of Hertfordshire Highways (HH), the Engineer will investigate the possibility of reimbursing the Council to enable them to undertake the work. Hedging from The Old School, Bury Lane to the junction with St Giles Road will be included in a programme of works. The resident of 50 St Giles Road has not actioned the Council’s request to cut back their hedge, HHs will issue an enforcement letter. HHs will also issue a letter of enforcement to the resident at Fern Cottage.
- **Bollards** – It was agreed that two replacement bollards will be situated in the High Street near no. 167 and by the Dollimore Close junction.
- **Potholes** – the pothole close to the Butcher shop in the High Street will be repaired and consideration will be given to installing a kerb from The Goat car park to the bus stop. However the trench in the road from Robarts to the Red House, which was reported 2 years ago, will not be repaired. The Quarry may consider taking legal action against HCC for restricting their access to their premises in St Albans Road.
- **Salt Bins** –HHs have responsibility for filling the bins and not the Council.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8:08pm

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

**Date..... 2014**