

CODICOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held on Thursday 23rd February 2017 in the Parish Council Offices, 107a High Street, Codicote which commenced at 7:30pm

PRESENT: Chair, Councillor H Gregory with Councillors R Green
and J Warwick

IN ATTENDANCE: Lorraine Ellis (Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**
Councillors D Connold (illness), S Sanders (other commitments) and C Tinner
(holiday)

2. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT:**
None.

3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19th JANUARY 2017:**
The minutes of the above meeting were taken as read and duly noted.

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**
Maintenance of The Pound: Councillor Warwick reported that following the
departure of Angela Forster from HCC, her replacement has been contacted and is
willing to meet with Councillors Gregory and Warwick. The Clerk to set-up a
meeting.

Codicote Quarry: The Chairman reported that Councillor Sanders has recently
attended a meeting held at HCC. It was a formal process where an appointed
inspector considered various documents to consider a retrospective planning
application for a permanent soil processing wash plant erected on a concrete slab
base.

The Chairman and the Clerk undertook a site visit of the quarry in 2016 at which time
the process was explained in detail.

It was noted that Winter's lease expires in 5 years' time and they have indicated that
they would wish to enter into a Section 106 agreement with the aim of the wash plant
remaining in exchange for a reduction in lorry movements, limits of operation and the
implementation of the restoration plan. It is likely that the landowner would need to
provide their permission for any offers made by the Winters Haulage Group.

The Inspector has made a site visit and will now consider the points put forward and
provide a decision within six weeks.

Farriers Close kerbing: County Cllr Thake has indicated that he will not be able to
provide any further funding for work at this location. Herts Highways have stated that
they do not perceive the kerbing to be a risk to the public.

5. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE:**
E006 The Chairman reported that the surveys have been distributed and responses are being
returned. There is an Open Day event at the Peace Memorial Hall on Friday morning

(24th February) and all day Saturday (25th February), this is to demonstrate that the group have liaised and consulted with residents. It will be used as a workshop event and upon completion of the plan the Inspector will carry-out a review of all of the evidence collected.

6. UPDATE ON THE BURY LANE ALLOTMENTS AND ANNUAL RENT REVIEW:

E007

The Chairman reported that a skip was provided in October 2016 to enable plot holders to tidy-up their plots. A site visit has just been undertaken and it was noted that the site has improved although a number of plots still need attention. A letter was recently issued stating that any plots not showing an improvement by the end of March will not receive a renewal reminder in April. A further visit will be undertaken in three weeks' time.

It was agreed that the hut located on the site needed some maintenance work, Councillor Warwick to obtain a price for the work.

It was noted that, with some remedial work, the triangle area near the coppice could be used as a plot. Councillor Warwick to arrange for a contractor to weed spray the area.

The Committee considered the current plot rents and **agreed** to increase the half plots by £3 pa to £16 and the whole plots by £6 pa to £32.

7. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST TO RELOCATE THE CANONSFIELD ROAD NOTICEBOARD:

E008

The Committee considered the request received from a resident to relocate the noticeboard. It was **agreed** that the noticeboard should remain in situ as there would be insufficient room for it on the other side of the road due to it being heavily wooded.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

E009

Thursday 23rd March 2017

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

Signed..... Chair of Environment

Date.....