

CODICOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held on Thursday 21st November 2019 in the Parish Council Offices, 107a High Street, Codicote which commenced at 7:30pm

PRESENT: Chairman, Councillor J Howe, with Councillors B Adams, H Gregory and J Whitbread

IN ATTENDANCE: L Ellis (Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

None.

2. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT AND STANDING ORDERS:**

The Clerk declared an interest in item 7 – the discussion on the litter picking route. The Committee **agreed** that the Clerk should take part in agreeing the revised route.

3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24th OCTOBER 2019:**

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

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

Neighbourhood Plan update: Councillor Gregory reported that NHDC have confirmed receipt of the draft NHP which has been sent to them for their comments, they now wish to discuss the plan with the NHP team. It is hoped that a further consultation will then be able to take place with residents.

Village planters: Councillor Adams reported that he had asked a number of residents for their views on the village planters and unfortunately these particular residents were unaware of their locations. He undertook a discussion with a representative from Vanstone Garden Centre to obtain their advice on the planter located on the village green and whether they would be interested in sponsoring it.

It was noted that bedding plants would need to be watered and there would be a logistical issue to ensure that they were watered regularly.

It was **agreed** that Councillor Howe would review the condition of the sleepers and provide a report to the Committee at the December meeting.

Bury Lane allotments: Councillors Howe and Gregory will meet with the contractor to discuss the grass cutting of the allotment site.

The Clerk reported that a representative from the Codicote Environmental Group (CEG) had been invited to attend the December meeting to discuss their grant application to prune 80 fruit trees in the Orchard.

Free HCC Winter Grit Scheme: The Clerk reported that HCC had accepted the Council's application and would contact Councillor Whitbread with a delivery date. It will be stored in the small garage at the Bury Lane sports field.

5. TO DISCUSS THE ROAD MARKINGS IN ST ALBANS ROAD:

E038 Councillor Adams reported that following the resurfacing of St Albans Road that the block paved roadway has not been line marked. The Clerk reported that HCC had indicated that the contractor would only have marked the tarmac area and that the line marking of the block paving would need to be reported on their on-line fault reporting system. Councillor Adams and the Clerk agreed to undertake this task.

6. TO NOTE THE BUSINESS USE UNDERTAKEN AT PULMORE WATER:

E039 It was noted that a resident had complained that the site is residential however it is evident that a business is being undertaken. This matter has previously been reported to NHDC with no apparent action being taken.

It was **agreed** that a running report be kept on issues reported to our partners (HCC, NHDC MP, Police etc) and any action taken by them.

7. TO REVIEW THE LITTER PICKING ROUTE:

E040 Councillor's considered the current route undertaken and **agreed** that priority should be given to the High Street (planter to planter), this to be litter picked twice a week, the third visit will encompass the peripheral roads. The Clerk to advise the contractor accordingly.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

E041 Thursday 19th December 2019.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and then closed the meeting at 8:20pm

Signed..... Chairman of Environment

Date..... 2019