

Minutes of a meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT** Committee held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Leslie Campbell  
Peter Gibbons  
Nick Owens

**In attendance:** Georgia Cheshire (co-opted onto the Committee)  
Phil Mead (co-opted onto the Committee)  
Linda Butcher – Locum Parish Clerk

As the Chairman, Cllr Ian Weir, was unable to attend it was AGREED Cllr Peter Gibbons would chair the meeting.

### **APOLOGIES**

Cllr Darryl Sinclair  
Cllr Ian Weir – family commitment  
Cllr Carol Wise

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None at this time

8.50 pm Cllr Nick Owens declared a Personal Interest in alternative energy sources as he may soon be a director of HKD.

### **MINUTES**

Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015

**15/139 RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – There were no members of the public present.

### **TREE PLANTING**

Phil Mead reported that he had spoken to Jim Mellor who confirmed that the trees are currently in the yard and will be planted as soon as possible, in about two months' time so it should be completed by mid-January. The Committee wished to record their thanks to Phil and Georgia.

### **PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

Cllr Leslie Campbell reported that the Monday Group had cleared the Cinder Path and in January they would be doing the annual clean of the surface of the twitten to the bridge.

There was a question about the path behind the Weald tennis courts and Cllr Campbell was able to confirm that this is not a Right of Way. **[Action: LC]**

## STREET FURNITURE

It was noted that the two replacement bins have been installed.

## DOG BINS

The Committee considered the report and the map from Mid Sussex District Council and it was

- 15/140 RESOLVED** to ask for two new 50 litre bins end the end of footpath No.10c (Hamfields/London Road) and where the Cinder Track joins the B2116 (see plan) and if the Woodlands bin No.89 and The Thatch bin No.92 are smaller, to ask for these to be changed to 50 litres too. **[Action: Clerk]**

## STEPS

Report: The steps on the south side of Keymer Road right next to the railway and bridge have been looked after by a local resident for a number of years but he is no longer able to undertake this work. Alternative arrangements are sought.

- 15/141 RESOLVED** to send a letter of thanks to Trevor Humber for all his help over the years. **[Action: Clerk]**

Cllr Campbell offered to ask if the Monday Group could deal with this item and he will then report back at a future meeting. It was acknowledged that WSCC have responsibility for these steps. **[Action: LC]**

## PARKING WORKING GROUP

As Cllr Ian Weir was unable to attend it was AGREED to accept an update at the next meeting. It was further AGREED that at the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December Cllr Marples would be given a reminder about what is wanted by the Parish Council as the Environment Committee is keen to leave no stone unturned. **[Action: IW]**

## PARKLANDS COPSE

The committee was pleased to note that the path through the Copse has been completed, together with the bridges.

It was AGREED that the Clerk would look into the cost of providing some signage including one at each end of the path showing that the area belongs to Hassocks Parish Council. The Clerk would also investigate an Interpretation Board and check the Wildlife survey to see what could be included. **[Action: Clerk]**

Georgia will give details to the Clerk of the person who did the community field interpretation board. **[Action: GC]**

**FINANCE**

The Committee discussed the current budget report and the future items and it was AGREED to obtain from Mid Sussex District Council the cost of running the public toilets. **[Action: Clerk]**

**15/142 RECOMMEND** to Council that the Clerk investigates community energy schemes and renewable energy conservation.**[Action: Council/Clerk]**

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**15/143 RECOMMEND** that the budget for 2016/2017 for the Environment Committee should be £43,420 as per the attached report.**[Action:PRC/Council/Clerk]**

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Chairman .....

Date .....

