

Present: Cllrs Goody, Nixon, O'Donnell and Plater

In the Chair: Cllr S Slodzik

Clerk: Michelle Curtis

1. Chairman

Cllr O'Donnell nominated Cllr Slodzik to be Chairman of the Environment and Amenity Committee. Cllr Goody seconded this nomination. Cllr Slodzik was **declared** to be Chairman of the Environment and Amenity Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

2. Vice-Chairman

Cllr Goody nominated Cllr O'Donnell to be Vice-Chairman of the Environment and Amenity Committee. Cllr Nixon seconded this nomination. Cllr O'Donnell was **declared** to be Vice-Chairman of the Environment and Amenity Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

3. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Crees.

4. Declarations of Interest

Cllr O'Donnell declared an interest as follows:

- Personal interest in respect of agenda item 8, Allotments, as the resident who had submitted a letter is his neighbour.

5. Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

6. Minutes of Meeting held on 6th February 2018

Resolved: that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th February 2018 be approved as a true account of the proceedings of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

7. Inspection Reports

The Inspections Reports dated 24/03/2018 were received and noted.

Hasler Green

Lamppost leaning at 6 degrees – The Clerk confirmed this had been reported to Essex County Council in November 2017.

T3 – heavily pruned.

Woodrolfe Green

Trees – Debris under willow tree.

Hedge on north side recently flayed back.

Allotments

Water Taps – Large tank by gate almost empty but uncovered.

Trees and Hedges Southern Boundary – Trimmed back almost to fence line whole length.

Trees and Hedges Eastern Boundary – Hedge trimmed top and side. Narrow path partially blocked by bags.

Water Butts - There were also some water butts that were not covered (as previously reported).

Plots – Plot B, glass panels leaning on back of shed.

8. Environment and Amenities

a) Allotments

The Chairman reported that the tree/hedge works which had been carried out had improved the area.

The Clerk advised there were 3 people on the waiting list for a plot.

The Clerk advised she had received some comments regarding allotment plots being unworked.

Action: Chairman and Clerk to carry out an inspection of the Allotments.

The letter received from the tenant was received and noted.

Action: Clerk to write to tenant on adjacent plot to notify him that the Parish Council are happy for tenants to fill their water butts for the use of trickle water feed systems.

b) Hasler Green

No issues to report.

c) Woodrolfe Green

It was reported that the grass cutting on Woodrolfe Green and other areas owned by the Parish Council was not up to the expected standard.

The Clerk advised she had requested a meeting with the Contractor, CGM Group.

The posts of the zip wire had been cut down and were being stored by Cllr Nixon. The posts are to be used as bollards between the path and car park.

Action: To form a working party to tidy up/paint the posts before installation in the car park area.

d) Cemetery

It was reported that the grass cutting in the Cemetery was not up to the expected standard.

Action: Chairman and Clerk to carry out an inspection of the Cemetery.

e) Highways

Members were very pleased with the resurfacing works that had been carried out in East Street.

Cllr O'Donnell reported there were two large potholes at the junction of Kents Grass/New Road.

Action: Clerk to report to Essex County Council Highways.

It was noted there had been various patching to the roads in the village and the Committee felt that the work carried out was to a poor standard.

It was reported that Essex County Council had commenced work to the entrance of Woodrolfe Green car park. There had been no notification to the Parish Council or the sewerage works that there would be no access.

Action: Clerk to write to Cllr Durham to bring this to his attention and to also notify him of the poor standard of the patching works throughout the village.

f) Streetlighting

The final phase of the streetlight upgrade project was now complete.

The request from a resident for an additional streetlight in Elysian Gardens was considered. It

was agreed that no further action would be taken.

g) Litter/Dog Bins

The litter bin for the corner of Woodrolfe Road/Thurstable was still to be installed.

Action: Clerk to contact Bonz.

9. CCTV

The Committee discussed the options of CCTV for the village. It was agreed to speak to other Parishes in the Maldon District who currently have or are considering CCTV.

Action: For further consideration by the Committee in the autumn.

10. Telephone Kiosks

The Chairman reported that the telephone kiosks were in need a painting and agreed to paint them.

Various ideas were suggested for the use of the telephone kiosks in the High Street and Mell Road. It was agreed to ask the village for their ideas for the kiosks.

Action: Clerk to ask residents via Social Media, Parish Magazine and Tollesbury School for their ideas for the kiosks.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 2nd October 2018 – following the main meeting

The meeting closed at 7.58pm.

Signed.....

Date:.....