

Present: Cllrs Goody, Nixon and O'Donnell

In the Chair: Cllr S Slodzik

Clerk: Michelle Curtis

1. Chairman

Cllr Nixon nominated Cllr Slodzik to be Chairman of the Environment and Amenity Committee. Cllr O'Donnell 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

There were no declarations of interest declared.

5. Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

6. Minutes of Meeting held on 7th February 2017

Resolved: that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th February 2017 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 22/03/17 were received and noted.

Hasler Green

Action: Clerk to obtain a quotation from Bonz to remove the dead branches overhanging the footpath.

Woodrolfe Green

Action: to review the dead tree in the Autumn.

Allotments

It was reported plot 25 was unkept. This would be discussed under agenda item 8a. There were also some water butts that were not covered.

8. Environment and Amenities

a) Allotments

Cllr O'Donnell advised he would arranged for the Rules and Regulations to be displayed at the allotments.

It was reported that all plots were taken and Rules and Regulations with the exception of the tenant who works plot 25. Two letters had been sent to the tenant requesting that the Rules and Regulations were signed and returned, but to date there had been no response. Plot 25 was also reported as been unkept when the inspection was carried out by Kevin

Oakley.

Action: Clerk to seek advice from Cllr Crees.

b) Hasler Green

The edges of the drains had been filled with soil.

No issues to report.

c) Woodrolfe Green

The hedge on the left handside of the road was overgrown and there were also dead trees in the same area.

Action: Clerk to ask Maldon District Council to arrange for them to be cut back as they own this section of land.

d) Highways

Potholes in the village continue to be an issue.

Cllr O'Donnell reported that the road in East Street at the bottleneck was an issue as vehicles were having to drive onto the pavement to let oncoming vehicles pass.

Action: Clerk to write to Essex County Council Highways.

e) Street Lighting

The Clerk reported that the order for the second phase of streetlights had been ordered and should be installed early June.

f) Litter/Dog Bins

Kevin Oakley carried out the inspection of the litter bins in April and reported the following:

- 1) The litter bin nearest the creek at the pool is not secure
Action: Cllr Nixon to look at.
- 2) Litter bin on the Recreation Ground (middle one on the north side) is rusted through the outer body at ground level.
Action: Cllr Goody to look at.
- 3) The Appletons Contractor would like his gratitude and appreciation passed to the Parish Council for the work than has been carried out on the bin liners.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Mid-September – Site visits – To be arranged

Tuesday 3rd October 2017 – following the main meeting

The meeting closed at 10.04pm.

Signed.....

Date:.....