

Present: Cllrs Bell, Lowther, Rogers

In the Chair: Cllr Plater – Chairman

Clerk: Michelle Curtis

Also Present: Cllr St Joseph

1. Chairman

Resolved: to appoint Cllr Plater as the Chairman of the Environment and Amenity Committee. Unanimously agreed.

2. Vice-Chairman

Resolved: to appoint Cllr Rogers as the Vice-Chairman of the Environment and Amenity Committee. Unanimously agreed.

3. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Lankester.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest disclosed.

5. Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

6. Minutes of Meeting held on 9th February 2021

Resolved: The minutes of the Environment and Amenity Committee meeting held on 9th February 2021 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Unanimously agreed.

The Chairman signed the minutes.

7. Environment and Amenities

7.1 Allotments

Councillors discussed the concerns made by the resident at the Full Parish Council Meeting held on 6th July 2021.

Action: Clerk to arrange an onsite meeting with Bonz to discuss works required at the allotments.

Action: Clerk to invite the resident to the meeting with Bonz.

The Clerk reported that the Tenant on the plot that has not been worked had given up the plot, and it had been offered to two people on the waiting list.

Approved works still to be carried out:
Work to the oak trees

7.2 Hasler Green

The Clerk reported that the path had some minor damage.

Action: Council to monitor the path for any further deterioration.

7.3 Woodrolfe Green

Repositioning of recycling bins - Maldon District Council is happy for the recycling bins to be relocated.

Action: Chairman to put together the work specification for the base.

Approved works still to be carried out:

- Laying of road planings

7.4 Cemetery

No issues to report.

7.5 Highways/Footpaths

Yellow lines around the Square area.

Action: Clerk to contact the South Essex Parking Partnership to discuss further.

7.6 Street Lighting

The Clerk is arranging a meeting with Essex County Council to discuss the streetlights.

The Clerk had contacted E.on, the electricity supplier for the Parish Council. All lights on the Parish Council maintenance schedule matched up against the lights being supplied with electricity except for one unit opposite 40 East Street. The Clerk advised E.on had been providing electricity to the Parish Council lights since 1997.

7.7 Dog/Litter Bins

No issues to report.

7.8 Defibrillators

No issues to report.

8. Bus Shelter

- 8.1 The Committee discussed the suggestion for improvement works to the bus shelter. The resident had suggested that the Parish Council could apply to the locality fund towards the upgrades.

The Committee agreed that the bus shelter needed some attention, but the Parish Council would be applying to the locality fund for new signage at Woodup Pool. The Woodup Pool Committee had intended to upgrade the signage in 2020, but due to the sluice gate needing replacement, any available funds were put towards the sluice gate.

Action: to jet-wash the bus shelter, paint the internal walls and woodwork.

- 8.2 The Committee considered the suggestion for the heritage board for the Lock-up to be relocated on the bus shelter wall. Unfortunately, there was no wall space on the bus shelter to accommodate another sign.

9. New Signage – Sewerage

Cllr Stephens had emailed suggesting a new sign for the sewerage plant in Woodrolfe Road. Cllr Stephens suggested that she apply to the Local Highways Panel and asked if the Parish Council would be supportive.

The Committee considered the email and would be supportive of the proposal.

Action: Clerk to suggest that Cllr Stephens also speaks to Anglian Water regarding the signage.

10. War Memorial

A resident had brought to the attention of the Parish Council that the woodwork around the war memorial in the churchyard required attention.

Action: Chairman to take a look at the war memorial.

11. Other Matters

No other matters.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 16th November 2021.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Signed.....

Date:.....