



Bar Hill Parish Council
Minutes of Environment Committee Meeting
Held in The Parish Council Office at 7.00pm
On Wednesday 3 June 2015

ACTION

Present:	B Waters	Chair	(BW)
	J Doland	Councillor	(JD)
	M Pope	Councillor	(MP)
	A Saunders	Councillor	(AS)
	S Spence	Councillor	(SS)

In attendance: S J Bell (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence and any declarations of interest

Apologies: B Burrage, S Jenkins, A Mitchell, J York

Declarations of Interests JD: Anything to do with Tesco.

2. Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 May 2015 had been previously circulated and were approved as a true record. Proposed by JD, seconded by MP. All in favour.

3. Matters arising for discussion and decisions to be made from the previous minutes

4. Menzies Hotel – Trees along the perimeter road. Details were passed to Clerk for letter to be prepared.

5. Hanover Housing. JD reported he had checked the path and green area and there was nothing requiring immediate attention at present.

4. Litter Bins

SL had been asked to install 2 old lidded bins including one to be placed outside the library.

BW and MP had emptied bins when seen to be overflowing. BW awaiting response from SCDC regarding any contractual commitments for terminating services with SCDC and quotes for alternative options had been requested.

BW

Clerk was awaiting response from Cambridge City Council regarding obtaining some of the bins they have de-commissioned following their installation of new recycling bins.

Clerk

12 new bins were required. Bins were required for 1xFoxhollow/Appletrees crossroads, 2xopposite Library doors, 1xHanover/Partridge spine path, 1xHollytrees – back of, on spine path, 1xflyover bus stop, 1xChurch on grassed area, 2xchildrens play area, 1xoutside PC office, 1xOatlands, off spine, 1xPheasant Rise, off spine near HH bungalows, 2xViking Way (to offer old open bins to companies)

Bear Bin: This was tending to be used as a piece of play equipment rather than litter bin.

BW to monitor to decide whether to remove or not

BW

Glasdon Bins – brochure examined and Clerk advised pricelist was still awaited.



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BW to enquire with SCDC if litter bins for the play areas and library area could be obtained with monies from the Community Chest Fund, and to investigate if SCDC could provide any lidded bins.

BW

5. Balancing Pond/Stream – A14

The meeting considered emails from B Heffernan regarding requirements to get work completed urgently at the balancing pond, Hollytrees stream and Saxon Way stream, together with advice from the RFO supporting the need to deal with the balancing pond as a first priority. The newsletter item prepared by Mr Heffernan was agreed.

Noted that contractors would be unable to use machinery for all the work on Saxon Way stream as the wildlife needed to be protected. BW reported that CCC Flood Officer had suggested other options to those suggested by ADC might be available from other approved contractors for dealing with the two streams, and that work was not necessary on the whole length of the Hollytrees stream. BW advised that Atkins had been looking at the Hollytrees stream as part of the CCC Flood Protection Plan. BW was asked to enquire if SCDC had flood defence funding available for match-funding the whole project, ie £4.5k in order to get the whole project done at £9445. Budgets would need to be examined to vire money. MP suggested some of the Hollytrees stream could be culverted and landscaped.

BW

MP suggested the following recommendation to Full Council:

Subject to proof of the assertion by B Heffernan that the Parish Council does own the said balancing pond, and in view of the urgency of the situation, the Environment Committee recommends that the Council proceeds with the advice given by B Heffernan for the work on drainage pond at the A14, on Saxon Way stream and Hollytrees stream for the sum quoted by ADC for a total of £9445.

MP to obtain evidence of Bar Hill boundaries. Land registry search results awaited from R Hall.

MP/RH

6. Saxon Way and Hollytrees Streams

The contents of the report by R Mungovan was taken into consideration under item 5 above.

7. Skatepark Sign

BW reported that the skatepark sign had been removed by someone. It was felt unnecessary to replace the sign as the site had been cleared.

8. Planning Application S/0760/15/AD Signage

MP advised an application for illuminated signs at Unit 13 had been received. From the plans, the size of lettering appeared larger than existing which gave cause for concern. Clerk to report to SCDC.

Clerk

Item of information: MP advised Councillors to examine S/2604/14/FL which would be presented at full council on 18 June 2015

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9. Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme.

Chairman advised she had registered an interest so that the Council would be included in the consultation process. A meeting was planned at the Menzies Hotel on 2 July 2015 to give information and up-dates. BW confirmed she would attend but there was an opportunity for Parish Council representatives to also attend. Clerk outlined contents of the correspondence from the Planning Inspectorate setting out the various stages and timetable for the consultations. Councillors were invited to examine the documentation, including a note of the Preliminary Meeting at <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/A14>. The Examining Authority's first round of written questions were available on <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/document/3183483> and responses were required by noon 15.6.15. Any Statements of Common Ground (SOCG) and Local Impact Reports required by 15.6.15, revised Joint LIR by 26.6.15 and 2.9.15 for receipt of local authorities to provide a supplementary to their joint LIR. Interested parties invited to submit written representations as well as comments on relevant representations by 15.6.15. Copies of Planning Inspection letter held in Parish Council office.

10. Items of Information

JD expressed best wishes and a thank you for services to the village for M Sellars, former Chairman of the Parish Council, who had left the area.

BW advised that a resident had asked about why the crack willows had been cut. She had responded that the work had been identified as necessary for safety reasons and the trees would now re-grow.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm. The next Environment Meeting had been scheduled for 1 July 2015.

Signed... (Chair of the Environment Committee) Dated.....