

Minutes of Histon & Impington Parish Council Environment Committee
Tuesday 22 April 2014 7.30 p.m
At the Parish Office, New Road, Impington

Environment Committee Minutes

Membership: 7 + 2 ex-officio

Quorum: 3
 Appendices: 3

Agenda No:	Present: Cllrs: Derek Marston (Chairman), Hooda Abdullah, John Dunn, Pene Nudds, Denis Payne 3 residents of Spring Close (in part); HICOP Representative (in part) Clerk: Mrs Angela Young	
E14/001	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs: R Moulder (personal); D Jenkins (personal)	
E14/002	TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS To receive declarations of pecuniary interest from Councillors on items on the agenda - none To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any) - <i>none received</i> To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate - <i>none</i> At this point with agreement of committee, Chair brought forward items 007.3 HICOP update and 005.4 Burial Ground Report and suspended Standing Orders	
E14/003	TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 4 February 2014 All agreed to sign as a true record of the meeting	
E14/004 004.1	MATTERS ARISING <u>Action List</u> provided to all (Appx 1) Discussion followed: 13/024.4 <u>SCDC Tree Replacement</u> Tree Wardens had identified preference for Kay Hitch Way, Homefield & Hereward estate, Orchard Road quadrangle 13/026.1 <u>Poppy seeds</u> confirmed will be sown between Burial Ground and allotment site 13/033.1 <u>Parish Path meeting 14 November</u> had not been attended 13/033.1 <u>Donated bench/commemorative tree</u> Noted memorial oak to be planted end April, with plaque ceremony Feast weekend in July. Tree would need watering throughout summer. Once planted Committee to reconsider suitable siting for bench 13/041.5 <u>Allotments</u> Further strimming work required at Gatehouse Road site. Cllrs Marston & Nudds to meet on site to identify plots and paths. Cllr Marston to then liaise with Council's grass cutting contractor Buchans, membrane to then be laid by enviro.volunteers 13/44.4 <u>Pest Control</u> As no response received Clerk to investigate alternative provider 13/050.2 <u>Dog fouling sign</u> Balfour Beatty to fix stickers in place of old signs 13/050.3 <u>Tree "Lifting"</u> Buchans confirm no work required at Green	PN/DVM
E14/005 005.1 005.2 005.3 005.4	TO RECEIVE REPORTS 005.1 <u>Clerks Report (Appx 2)</u> accepted covering all areas. Further discussion : <u>Heritage Lamp Columns</u> Cllr Nudds continues attempting to contact Curtis Irish to make arrangements for collection and storage. Storage site dependant on costs involved in renovation and budget availability. £500 budget applies 005.2 <u>Damage to verge Clay Close Lane</u> to be reported to County Council Highways <u>Chairman's Report (Appx 2)</u> Further discussion on: <u>Christmas Lights Proposals</u> for 2014 set out in Working Party note attached to appendix 2 accepted. Additionally post required in play area near to feeder pillar, to take cables previously fixed to tree T011. Agreed to progress purchase and installation. Suggestion made that telegraph pole could double up as CCTV pole for play area. Lights would not be possible without the pole due to work to be carried out on T011 005.3 <u>Homefield Park</u> Cllr Nudds expressed disappointment that SCDC dog bins on Homefield/Hereward estate had not been fixed at agreed sites 005.4 <u>Burial Ground</u> . Additional discussion on: <u>Apple Tree</u> Clerk to approach Dan Mace regarding pruning the apple tree in future <u>Spring Close residents</u> Item had been brought forward to start of meeting. Standing Orders	

<p>005.5</p> <p>005.6</p> <p>005.7</p> <p>005.8</p> <p>005.9</p> <p>005.10</p>	<p>were suspended. Notes of meeting held between resident representatives, Councillors and Police provided for all (attached to Appx 2). Residents from Spring Close outlined issues regarding fencing; unofficial entrance to Burial Ground from Cottenham Road; planting possibilities. Noted interest in setting up Neighbourhood Watch scheme, and "Police Burglary Surgery" due in Histon 25 April 2014. Residents left meeting. Standing Orders re-instated. Committee reviewed issues raised regarding access arrangements at Burial Ground. Members felt planting of, say, pyracantha along boundary would not be effective. Agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support residents in their plans to start a Neighbourhood Watch scheme • Obtain solar powered motion sensor lighting for the Burial Ground shed • Look at notice for front entrance regarding vehicular access after dusk • Check ownership of remaining lower level fence • Look at ways of successfully closing off unofficial pedestrian entrance <p><u>Tree Warden's Report</u> No written report for Wardens. Issues listed noted. Discussion on: <u>SCDC CEO Jean Hunter</u> Clerk to arrange meeting with Tree Wardens to follow up on environmental issues raised</p> <p><u>15 The Coppice</u> Resident had concerns that trees may have affected structure of wall. Cllrs had inspected site and reported back. Agreed to contact insurers for advice on response as no evidence of tree root damage seen, no heave in ground and any disturbance appeared to be at top of wall</p> <p><u>Footpath Officer Report</u> No written report from Officers. <u>Cllr Dunn undertook</u> to make a full report on all footpaths</p> <p><u>Strategy Paper</u> Footpath network rear of Somerset Road – St Audreys Close. Cllr Dunn to contact Cllr Jenkins to discuss requirements for paper</p> <p><u>Allotments</u> No written report from Officer. Issues listed noted</p> <p><u>Village Green Report</u> Issues listed noted. Additional discussion on: <u>Commemorative Tree</u> see item 14/004</p> <p>Further offer of memorial seat to be considered future agenda</p> <p><u>Noticeboard Village Green</u> Members felt no further money should be spent on alterations to Noticeboard. Schedule to be drawn up for staining/maintenance of this noticeboard and all other noticeboards, bins, seats. Noted community noticeboard at War Memorial to be replaced, as budgeted for</p> <p><u>Duck Platform</u> Cllr Nudds to order "patenizer" from suppliers. Mr Smith to carry out works</p> <p><u>Other Open Spaces</u></p> <p><u>Copse</u> Cllr Nudds agreed to remove igloo from site and into storage</p> <p><u>War Memorial</u> Noted had been cleaned, insurance advice</p>	<p>PJN</p> <p>PJN</p> <p>JD</p> <p>JD/JDJ</p> <p>PJN</p> <p>PJN</p>
<p>E14/006</p> <p>006.1</p> <p>006.2</p> <p>006.3</p> <p>006.4</p>	<p>TO RECEIVE/APPROVE</p> <p><u>Quotes for repairs to paving, Section 52 land corner of Narrow Lane/Windmill Lane</u> Deferred pending receipt of more quotes</p> <p><u>Public Art Working Party</u> – agreement to fund additional work on update of Public Art Plan to facilitate passing on of S106 funds from Bellway site. Report provided to all. Cllr Payne updated members on possible need for production of renewed strategy documents to attract payment due from SCDC of £30,000 (Bellway S106). Proposed Cllr Payne, seconded Cllr Abdullah all in favour to approve spend of up to £100, as quoted by Alison Turnbull. Quotes were being sought for project management of Public Art scheme incorporating:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Street furniture project b) A feature piece of artwork <p><u>Quotes to replace manhole on Village Green with load bearing cover, flush with the grass</u> (see Drainage Working Party report dated 16 February). Deferred pending receipt of quotes</p> <p><u>Quotes to install flap to discharge point at Village Green</u> Deferred pending receipt of quotes</p>	<p>Next agenda</p> <p>Next agenda</p> <p>Next agenda</p>
<p>E14/007</p> <p>007.1</p> <p>007.2</p> <p>007.3</p>	<p>OTHER ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p><u>Circulating File</u> available to all</p> <p><u>Finance Up-date and Budgets 2014-15 (Appx 3)</u></p> <p><u>HICOP</u> Item had been brought forward to start of meeting, Standing Orders suspended. Paul Christie introduced Simon Goddard, due to be elected as Chair at AGM 14/15. Since last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 more trees were planted along north west curve ; Benches in place, HICOP to check insurance cover, attracting more visitors, paid for by Feast grant and British Legion. Poppies to be sown 	

