

Minutes of Histon & Impington Parish Council Environment Committee
Tuesday 31 May 2016 7.30 p.m.
At the Parish Office, New Road, Impington

Environment Committee Minutes

Membership: 7 + 2 ex-officio

Quorum: 3
Appendices: 2

Agenda No:	Present: Cllrs: Cedric Foster, Aga Cahn, David Jenkins, Nick Wood Also: Dan Mace (HICOP), Ruth Moulder (Sustainability WP in part), Robin Barrett (in part) Clerk: Mrs Angela Young	
E16/011	ELECTION OF CHAIR 2016-17 Proposed Cllr Jenkins, seconded Cllr Wood, all in favour to elect Cllr Foster as Committee Chair	
E16/012	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs: Ashley Gordon (personal), Andy Butcher (personal)	
E16/013	TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS To receive declarations of pecuniary interest from Councillors on items on the agenda - <i>none</i> 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>	
E16/014	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 3 members of public present <u>Item 19.5 Brook Water Levels</u> Robin Barrett – outlined plans for site meetings with Brian Heffernan, Cambs County Council and Rob Mungovan, South Cambs District Council. He detailed problems seen with drainage blockages, clay soil problems with pipes and ditches, and water levels in Histon. Narrow Lane/Glebe Way and Park Lane particular areas of concern. A holding tank in Merrington Place had not been identified. However if it exists it needs to be cleaned out regularly. Darwin Green development will exacerbate this and he felt ways to clear the flow were needed before any more housing was built. County and District Cllrs are requested to put effort into the source of the problem at Darwin Green re balancing pond and green strip issues. Concerning the <u>Brook improvement scheme</u> , Rob Mungovan confirms he will be able to advise in July on the best way forward. <u>Drainage Task & Finish</u> had been disbanded at AGM, with Full Council to consider how to manage the topic at their next meeting. Agreed to recommend it be reformed, and to invite Pat Matthews to join the membership. Cllrs Jenkins and Payne met positively with County Council recently and Cllr Jenkins would provide meeting notes for file. Clerk to provide list of which authority does what in drainage including contacts list <u>Item 18.7 Sustainability Working Party Report</u> Ruth Moulder provided hard copy presentation of work of the Working Party. Electronic version to be supplied to all Committee members <u>Repair Café</u> organised 18 th June. Risk Assessment received <u>Logo for HI Village Food Festival</u> received. Food Festival to be held at Histon & Impington Orchard 1 st October in conjunction with HICOP <u>Allotment at Gatehouse Road</u> now completely dug over. Second plot to be allocated to Group. Orders made for netting for allotment at cost of £102.75 <u>Sign for verges</u> under design and order pending. Team had attended trial verges to collect cuttings, at same time planting bluebells in Histon Woods <u>Item 18.12 HICOP Report</u> AGM held 9 th May. Chair: Dan Mace, Secretary: Nadia Zappone, Treasurer Geoff Moore. 29 th May regular maintenance session held, last Sunday of each month. GE Energy had provided voluntary workforce for 8 June to dig beds ready for wildflower growing. Feast event planned 2 July – Birds and Bees Ruth Moulder and Robin Barrett left the meeting	<p>Cty Cllrs and Dist Cllrs</p> <p>Full Council</p> <p>JDJ</p>

018.12	groundsman. All further queries copy Cllr Nudds in for input HICOP Report see item 16/014	
E16/019	OTHER MATTERS	
019.1	Outstanding works Chairman and Clerk to produce report for all. Solicitor's advice required on wording for any agreement by residents to allow PC to tackle graffiti on private property. Delegation confirmed that if action is planned, budget is available, clerk to progress order as appropriate and as practical and report on work carried out	CJF
019.2	Committee Open Space Walkabout second date to be arranged	
019.3	Feast Market Idea for display of council owned open spaces – posters exist. Cllr Nudds contacting Julian Ayres re-education on bin uses	PJN
019.4	SCDC Bins Problem with bins out on street on non-collection days noted. Item for next newsletter	
E16/020	OTHER CORRESPONDENCE	
020.1	Verge cutting issues reported to Buchans including bee orchids growing at The Coppice	
020.2	Chimney pot on Gatekeepers Hut vandalised, beading and weights stolen. Also slate broken. Resident willing to re-fit replacement pot free of charge, Parish Council would need to purchase pot	
E16/021	Date of next meeting Tuesday 19th July 2016	
E16/022	How to communicate meeting discussions/decisions and To request items for next agenda Agreed website article to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Chairman • Wildflower Verges – keep your eye open • Coppice bee orchids • Sustainability event 2 October – apple juicing etc 	
	Meeting Closed: 9.08pm Appendices attached: Appx 1 – Actions List Appx 2 – Clerk's and Officers' Report	