

Minutes of Histon & Impington Parish Council Environment Committee
Tuesday 28th May 2019
7.30 pm, At the Parish Office, New Road, Impington

Environment Committee Minutes

Membership: 6 + 2 ex-officio

Quorum: 3
Appendices: ...

Agenda No:	Present: Cllrs: Pene Nudds (Chair), Aga Cahn, Walter Davey, Simon Jocelyn, Geoff Moore, Denis Payne Also: Dan Mace (HICOP); Dist Cllr M Cahn; Kathy Wormald, Froglife; resident of Histon; Alison Turnbull of A Turnbull Associates (all in part) Clerk: Angela Young	
E19/001	TO ELECT COMMITTEE CHAIR 2019-20 Cllr Nudds – Proposed Cllr Jocelyn, seconded Cllr Davey, all in favour Cllr Nudds elected as Chair Agreed to elect Deputy Chair at next Committee meeting	Next agenda
E19/002 002.1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs: Elaine Farrell (personal) Marcus Romer (personal). Helena Perry	
E19/003 003.1	TO CO-OPT HICOP and SUSTAINABILITY GROUP MEMBERS All AGREED to co-opt Dan Mace (HICOP) and Helena Perry (Sustainability Group)	
E19/004	TO REVIEW AND ACCEPT TERMS OF REFERENCE Copy provided to all as agreed at AGM. All AGREED to accept noting briefing note from Finance Legal & Administration Committee expected, to be appendix to all Terms of Reference	
E19/005 005.1	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>	
E19/006 006.1	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION With agreement of Committee Chair brought forward item 010.1 Froglife Project, item 010.2 Histon Bier, and suspended standing orders Froglife Project (Appx 1) Kathy Wormald of Froglife presented on Natural and Built Heritage project, a national wildlife conservation charity with focus on conservation of native reptiles and amphibians and their habitats. Aims: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote importance of ancestral village ponds • Place ponds within the historical context of the built environment • Encourage garden ponds • Highlight lost village ponds • Highlight decline in aquatic species • Highlight how species are increasingly reliant on urban habitats • Create a wildlife network across Cambridgeshire • Provide habitat improvements where needed 10 villages have already been identified as wishing to take part and had signed action plans. There is no funding required from the Council. Members heard about ideas including Tapestry of Memories; outdoor classrooms; volunteer involvement, especially with existing groups. Histon & Impington Parish Council would need to provide a letter to the Charity confirming interest in being involved and providing contacts in the community. Discussion took place on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common toad population and the part played by local landowners and development • Schools in the villages and possible link ups • Feast week opportunities • Bog areas • The Brook in Histon may not be the best site due to closeness to traffic – road mortality – household ponds may be the best route for action 	

006.2	<p>Members thanked Kathy for her presentation. The Council would need to contact her by mid-June with confirmation of any interest. Kathy left meeting.</p> <p>Histon Bier A resident of Histon attended to explain her role in promoting open talk about death and dying, as a Soul Midwife / End of Life Doula. She had facilitated the loan of the Histon Bier previously stored in Haddenham to the Cambridge Crematorium for a recent event. The bier would now need to be returned to Histon and Impington. She could arrange for some light restoration prior to its return, and Committee would pay the expense of this. A temporary storage would be sought in the meantime. Resident left meeting.</p> <p>Standing orders re-instated</p>	
E19/007 007.1	<p>TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 26 March 2019</p> <p>All AGREED to sign as a true record of the meeting</p>	
E19/008 008.1 008.2 008.3	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>Action List provided to all (Appx 2) Discussion followed on:</p> <p>18/009.1 <u>Asset Management</u> Cllr Moore meeting with RFO to produce draft plan. "What3Words" app discussed</p> <p>18/059.1 <u>A14 Landscaping</u> Dan Mace reported on discussions with landowners regarding possible tree planting on land to provide a more green gateway. Initial ideas shared. Dan Mace had indicative costs and details of interested parties and potential funders, including the Woodland Trust. Dan will write to the Council for a June agenda item on financial support for the scheme. Noted that if the community did decide to invest, safeguards over future of trees would be required, together with details of maintenance plans</p> <p>At this stage on the agenda, with agreement of Committee, Chair suspended standing orders and brought forward item 010.3 To agree to recommend Public Art Phase 2 contract (£5,000) to FLA Committee Alison Turnbull had provided a draft contract. It had now been confirmed that the Arts Council would not be grant funding the project and £10,000 would need to be sourced elsewhere. Alison advised possible funders now approached. The contract would cover 2 stages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making the mini moulds; Feast jelly competition • Remainder subject to successful match funding <p>Members confirmed agreement to recommend from a public art perspective and requested some changes to cover the £10,000 match funding caveat and specification on recipe cards required, which Alison agreed to incorporate and return to the clerk. FLA Committee to consider 3 June in terms of legal issue. Standing orders re-instated and Alison left meeting.</p>	<p>GM/RFO</p> <p>Full Council June</p> <p>FLA Comm'tee 3 June</p>
E19/009 009.1 009.2	<p>TO RECEIVE</p> <p>Clerks Report provided to all and accepted (Appx 3) including other agenda items. Further discussion on:</p> <p><u>SCDC</u> Mr Foster had contacted local businesses regarding litter picking in front of their premises</p> <p><u>Cambus County Council</u> Further information expected regarding street lighting attachment policy and plans to withdraw services for managing street lighting energy for District and Parish Council street lights</p> <p><u>Manorial Waste (School Hill gardens)</u> No approach yet received by FLA Committee from Camel Projects</p> <p><u>Wellbeing Week Open Space Trail</u> had been well received. Newsletter article planned</p> <p><u>Burial Ground Confirmation</u> the non-compliant plot would be returned to grass by end of June. Letter sent regarding bench installed without permission</p> <p><u>Play Area The Green</u> Acting Clerk due to meet with County Council regarding proposals for new footpath 18 June. Any work going ahead planned for w/c 9 July</p> <p><u>Station Road Petrol Station</u> copy correspondence received. Cllr Farrell overseeing correspondence</p> <p><u>Farm Track off Guided Bus</u> reports of winter ruts due to farm vehicles</p> <p>Trees & Allotments No written Tree Warden report. Notes from Clerk accepted. Cllr Nudds reported on:</p> <p><u>Tree applications received</u> None</p> <p><u>SCDC Tree events</u> Invitations received for events in June and July</p> <p><u>The Coppice overhang</u> Clerk has chased County Council re statutory responsibility. Warden has also reminded County Council of the replacement trees outstanding in the parishes</p> <p><u>Kings Meadow Walnut Trees</u> resident of Kings Meadow had contacted Tree Warden with</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

009.3	<p>concerns over threats to the trees from possible redevelopment of the community building <u>Verge trees</u> Concern over impact on IVC wall over time. Tree Warden to advise on mail to IVC and the Spire Hospital re ivy growth on wall</p> <p><u>Allotments</u> Cllr Nudds has met with Acting Clerk. Waiting list details awaited. Concerns that the paths at Glebe Way allotments are not being correctly cut to be investigated.</p> <p>Sustainability Report Helena Perry reported on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaign against tree felling at the A14 area • Wellbeing trail success • Bird in the Hand breakfast • Extinction Rebellion talk • HIYEC Histon & Impington Youth Eco Council proposals 	PJN
009.4	<p>HICOP Report Dan Mace reported on a grafting workshop held, and preparations in hand for the Bird In Hand Breakfast 29 June</p>	
E19/010	<p>OTHER MATTERS</p> <p>010.1 Froglife Project – see item 006.1</p> <p>010.2 Histon Bier – history and storage ideas – see item 006.2</p> <p>010.3 To agree to recommend Public Art Phase 2 contract (£5,000) to FLA Committee – draft provided. See item 008.3</p> <p>010.4 Review Budgets 2019 – 20 members were provided with budgets for the coming year. It was felt a workshop concentrating on budgets and priorities was needed. Noted Woodscape circular seats suggested for Manor Field would cost £4,260 each plus delivery and installation. No specific budget.</p> <p>010.5 Dog Bin Home Close, Histon – replacement opportunity and costs discussed. South Cambs District Council would replace but at cost to Parish Council. AGREED that a relationship should be set up with new officer at SCDC and that replacement of this bin should form part of the whole review underway for bins. An idea regarding dual use litter/recycling bins should form part of the same review</p> <p>010.6 Posts and Railings at Manorial Waste – 2 quotations received for painting. AGREED to accept up to £485 + VAT, final decision on contractor with the clerk, dependent on any approach by Camel Projects re School Hill development plans, and availability of contractor for timely delivery by August 2019</p> <p>010.7 Clerking for 2019 – all understood that clerking availability may be affected by change of staff during the second half of 2019</p> <p>010.8 Priority List for 2019 – 20 - Review Outstanding Projects, outstanding actions and expected timetable (Appx 4). Accepted as working tool for new Committee and incoming clerk. Cllrs would advise clerk of any additions they wished to make</p>	<p>Litter/ Dog Bin Review</p> <p>All members</p>
E19/011	<p>OTHER CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>011.1 Circulating File available on request</p>	
E19/012	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 27 August 2019. Workshop on priorities agreed for 18 June 2019</p> <p>Then 26 November, 3 March 2020. Workshop dates: 27 October 30 January 2020</p>	
E19/013	<p>How to communicate meeting discussions/decisions and To request items for next agenda</p> <p>Website: Election of Chair; Froglife Project; Histon Bier news</p> <p>Next Agenda (s): Conditions of Use – Homefield Park; Street Furniture Review; Waste & Dog Bin Review</p>	
	<p>Meeting Closed: 9.30 pm</p> <p>Appendices attached: Appx 1 – Froglife Project Appx 2 – Action List Appx 3 - Clerks Report Appx 4 – Priority List 2019</p>	