

Minutes of Meeting of Environment and Leisure Committee East Hanney Parish Council 1st July 2020

1. Attending: D Kirk (in the Chair), Cllr P Aram, Cllr S Stephenson, Cllr O Cornish, Cllr R Strange, Cllr D Green, Cllr D Blomely.
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S McKechnie
In attendance: G Langton (Clerk), J Stagg (Hanney News), G Garner (WHPC), D Corps (WHPC), T Deshprabhu (EH resident), S Deshprabhu (EH resident).
2. To receive: Public Participation Period.
Cllr Kirk invited TD to address the Committee as part of Item 5.
3. To receive: Members Declarations of Interest.
Cllr Aram declared he owned a property on Snuggs Lane and thus would not take part in any vote concerned with item 18.
4. To receive: Terms of Reference for the Environment and Leisure Committee
The Clerk reported that the Terms of Reference as presented had been amended as agreed at the May 2020 meeting of the Council.
Cllr Green proposed, Cllr Aram seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to approve the terms of reference as presented. The Clerk and Cllr Kirk would sign the paper in due course. **Action Clerk.**
5. To consider: The feasibility of establishing village bonfire event.
The Clerk introduced the item reporting that he and Chairman had met with TD over Zoom at her request, he reported that the meeting was informative and that the Chairman had invited TD to join the Committee for their consideration of this point.
TD addressed the Committee expressing the hope that the community would consider establishing a village bonfire event, linked to a Diwali theme, which closely coincided with the traditional UK celebration of Bonfire Night in the calendar. She considered that, as an outdoor event in late autumn, it may be possible for a number of people to gather.
The Councillors received the idea positively, noting that the Covid-19 position at the time could curtail the event but that should not be regarded as a reason not to plan for such an event.
It was proposed by Cllr Kirk, seconded by Cllr Stephenson and **RESOLVED** that a working party be established to work on the project, reporting back to this Committee, whose first meeting would be 16th July 2020 at 8pm and include a councillor from each of East Hanney and West Hanney Parish Councils, TD and another resident known to be interested by the Clerk. Further members could be identified. **Action CLERK.**
6. To consider: The Creating a Cleaner Hanney initiative.
Cllr Strange reported that many complaints had been received about the number of private bonfires that were being lit across the village was problematic. He noted that he and Cllr Cornish had drafted a paper to remind people of the regulations laid down by District Council regarding such matters. Cllr Cornish reported that it may be becoming less of a problem but that other matters could be included.



Cllr Blomley noted that allotment holders sought to burn waste that was not possible to compost on their plots.

The Members considered that more bonfires may have been lit over lockdown because people were at home working on their gardens.

It was noted that there was no enforceable law regarding bonfires.

Cllr Cornish proposed, Cllr Strange seconded and it was **RESOLVED** that a piece would be inserted in Hanney News in its August edition and on the Council's website and Facebook pages.

7. To receive: An update on the tree planting on Kings Leases.

The Clerk's report noted that approximately 161 saplings had survived from the 600 planted at the end of May and at the end of June it was estimated that approximately 65 trees had survived. The Council noted that it had not been planned to water the planted trees, notably as a result of the extremely hot and dry weather through the spring and early summer. Cllr Strange reported that feedback on the Woodland Trust website indicated many other groups had encountered the same problem.

Cllr Kirk proposed, Cllr Strange seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to postpone the consideration of replanting the area would be considered at the September meeting of the Committee. **Action Cllr Strange**.

Cllr Kirk proposed, Cllr Aram seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to report the status of the planting in August's edition of Hanney News. **Action Clerk**.

Cllr Strange proposed, Cllr Cornish seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to stop cutting the grass between the trees and leave the stakes in place until the future planting event. **Action Clerk**.

8. To consider: Planting donated and commemorative trees.

The Council noted the contents of the Clerk's report.

It was proposed by Cllr Stephenson, seconded by Cllr Cornish and **RESOLVED** to plant the sapling grown from the peace oak on the playing field as recommended by the Clerk and retain the remainder until the Autumn planting event. **Action Clerk**.

9. To consider: Installation of signage for cyclists (Brookside to Main Street path)

The Council noted the contents of the Clerk's report.

It was proposed by Cllr Stephenson and seconded by Cllr Green and **RESOLVED** that 3 signs be installed at the ends of the path opposite the Chapel, near the allotments and on Berry Lane.

Action Clerk and **Cllr Green**. The vote was recorded as:

For: Cllr Green, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Kirk, Cllr Aram.

Against: Cllr Cornish, Cllr Strange.

Cllr Blomley abstained.

10. To receive: Plans for repairing the path along the Brookside allotments.

The Committee noted the contents of the report. Cllr Kirk proposed, Cllr Aram seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to respond to the County Officer asking for a drawing of the proposal to informally consult local residents. **Action Clerk**.

11. To receive: An update on the OCC installations of infrastructure in the village.

The Committee noted the contents of the Clerk's report. The Committee discussed the replacement of the bridge at the Poughley Farm end of Halls Lane, noted the concerns of



third party experts regarding the County Council's decision and the position of the County Council regarding their responsibility to maintain the BOAT.

Cllr Cornish proposed and Cllr Stephenson seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to contact the County Council Officer to establish if it would be consulted on and if the County Council would consider reusing the stones removed from the when rebuilding parapets. **Action Clerk.**

12. To consider: Adoption of an Allotment Inspection process.

The Committee proposed the following amendments:

- At line 4, replace with "Inspections of allotments will take place at regular intervals by the responsible Councillor".
- At line 18, replace "report and passed to the Clerk and responsible Councillor for further action" with "report and passed to the Clerk for further action".
- In the final paragraph, replace "immediately" with "as soon as is practicable".
- Check the paper for typographical errors and correct.

Cllr Blomley proposed, Cllr Cornish seconded and it was **RESOLVED** that the amendments proposed would be made and the paper returned to a future meeting of the committee for approval. **Action Clerk.**

13. To consider: Parish Action Table and accompanying facility layout plan

It was proposed by Cllr Kirk, seconded by Cllr Blomley and **RESOLVED** to postpone the consideration of the item to a meeting on the 8th July 2020. **Action Clerk.**

14. To receive: S106 Parish Report.

It was proposed by Cllr Kirk, seconded by Cllr Blomley and **RESOLVED** to postpone the receipt of the item to a meeting on the 8th July 2020. **Action Clerk.**

15. To receive: Tree Survey Report (recreation areas).

The Committee noted the paper.

It was proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Aram and **RESOLVED** to make contact with the owner of the tree identified as requiring urgent care and to schedule work to address the matters identified as appropriate. **Action Clerk.**

16. To consider: Plans for Remembrance Day 2020

Cllr Kirk proposed, Cllr Stephenson seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to consider this at the Sept meeting of the Committee. **Action Clerk.**

17. To consider: Quotes to resurface Snuggs Lane

Cllr Strange proposed, Cllr Cornish seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to engage the company that provided the lower quote. **Action Clerk.**

18. To receive: Updates on the milestones on the A338

The Committee noted the paper included in the Clerk's report. Cllr Green reported that he was currently working on the southern milestone. The Committee thanked Cllr Green for the work he was doing.

19. To receive: Letter from Letcombe Brook Project

Cllr Kirk proposed, Cllr Stephenson seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to contact the Officer stating the Council's support and request he seek a grant for the funds in 2021-22, when the Council would be able to include it in its budget. **Action Clerk.**



20. To consider: Purchase and installation of a hand sanitizer station & cycle racks
Cllr Green proposed, Cllr Cornish seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to seek WHPC's permission to install cycle racks on the land close to the tennis courts and a second location to be determined. **Action Clerk.**

Cllr Stephenson proposed and Cllr Strange seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to obtain a wall mounted dispenser suitable for outdoor use, to the value of £100. **Action Clerk.**

The Committee noted that the playground could be reopened on the 4th July 2020, following advice from Government.

Cllr Strange proposed, Cllr Cornish seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to reopen the playground for the 4th July 2020, subject to the following actions:

Cllr Strange would prepare the posters for installation, stating:

The Council encourages one-way system with entry through pedestrian gate and exit at the service gate.

No eating and drinking.

Please wipe equipment and gates after use.

Only one child on each piece of equipment at a time, so 6 in the play area plus 1 adult per child, supervising in the play area.

Action Cllr Strange.

Remove the basket swing. **Action Cllr Green & Clerk.**

21. To consider: Works being undertaken at Anderson's Cottages/Warren House
Cllr Green advised the Committee that the residents at No 1 Andersons Cottages had removed hedges to the west and north of the property. The land to the north was the boundary to Warren House, Parish Council owned land.
Cllr Kirk proposed and Cllr Green seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to write to the occupier and request that the chain link fence be reinstated. **Action Clerk.**
22. To consider: Costs for the use of the fields by clubs FY2020-21
Cllr Blomley proposed, Cllr Stephenson seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to maintain the annual fee for Hanney Youth FC and Hanney 66 FC, waiving the cost for Hanney Cricket Club as they maintain the pitch (to be reviewed should they return to regular matches) and charging Serious4Sport £40 to use the field for 3 months. **Action Clerk.**

The meeting closed at 22:45.