

ADDERBURY PARISH COUNCIL – ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE METHODIST CHURCH, CHAPEL LANE, ADDERBURY ON TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2019 AT 10.00AM

PRESENT: Chairman, Councillor Martin Rye; Councillors Steven Cox, Ann Lyons and Keith Mitchell.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Theresa Goss (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer), Jonathan White (non-voting member of the Committee), District Councillor Andrew McHugh and six members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Garrad Millier submitted his apologies because he was at work, the apologies were accepted and the absence authorised.

27/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were no declarations of interest.

28/18 MINUTES – Prior to the meeting, the minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2019 had been circulated to the Committee.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

29/18 MATTERS ARISING – There were no matters arising.

30/18 OPEN FORUM

A resident addressed the Committee and asked whether it would consider meeting in the evening to enable more residents to attend.

A resident addressed the Committee with regard to the need for traffic calming measures in the village and the issues around the Milton Road area of the village.

A resident addressed the Committee with regard to the high number of objections there were regarding the proposed bus shelter on the corner of High Street and Chapel Lane. The resident also made comments on traffic calming for the village.

Jim O'Neill, Chairman of West Adderbury Residents' Association, also addressed the Parish Council with regard to traffic calming and asked if there was any indication of when work would take place.

The Chairman thanked the residents for addressing the Parish Council.

(For information, following guidance from the National Association of Local Councils, the Parish Council did not specifically name individual residents and issues within its minutes)

31/18 TRAFFIC CALMING – Prior to the meeting, Jonathan White had circulated to the Committee, a list of the initial traffic calming priorities and budget allocation proposals.

Jonathan talked in more detail about each item and answered questions from the Committee and members of the public. It was highlighted that the Parish Council had allocated £5200 in its budget to traffic calming for 2019/2020 and there was circa £25,000 available from Section 106 funds, currently held at the County Council.

It was noted that the traffic lights at the junction of Aynho Road and the A4260 had been upgraded by the County Council in this financial year, however funds were not available to switch them on. Therefore, they would be in use during the next financial year. It was hoped this would help with the issue of Twyford being used as a 'rat run'.

Following a discussion, a number of actions were agreed.

Recommended that the actions, as detailed below, be approved:

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| 1. | Items 1 (foliage clearance) & 2 (enhancing the gateways) on the 'Potential and Existing Traffic Calming Measures' list be | TG/MR |

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33/18 TREES ON THE RISE – The Committee discussed a suggestion made by a resident, that new trees should be planted in The Rise. The trees were being donated by the Woodland Trust.

Recommended that:

- 1) the project be progressed, however the resident be required to provide further details to the Committee on the plans, including the types of trees and where on The Rise they will be planted and whether residents are willing to assist with the continuing future maintenance;
- 2) once the details of the plans are received, they be reviewed by the Environment Committee before the project commences; and
- 3) prior to the commencement of the project, Cherwell District Council (as the land owner) be contacted for permission for the planting to go ahead.

Action TG

34/18 ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE AT THE LUCY PLACKETT PLAYING FIELD – The Committee discussed whether additional signage was required in the Lucy Plackett Playing Field, advising that dogs should be kept on leads and that dog mess should be picked up by dog owners.

Following a discussion, it was felt that Councillors should review the current signage in the Lucy Plackett Playing Field and report back to a future meeting.

Recommended that this item be deferred for further discussion at the future meeting of the Committee.

Action TG

35/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Friday 10 May 2019 at 10am.

(Meeting closed 11.30am)

Chairman