

Thakeham Parish Council Minutes

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING Held on 17th October 2022

Present: Cllr N Prince (Chair); Cllr C Hounslow; Cllr E Linnell; Cllr F McConnachie
Cllr C Instance

Attending:

Also present: Mr A Brown. Parish Clerk
Members of the public

Cllr N Prince opened the Meeting at 6.10 pm.

22.10/0261 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Scott Kerr

22.10/0262 Interests of Members

No interests were declared.

Meeting was suspended at 6.12 pm to hear from a resident, Mr Tim Nicholls who is the coach of the U10 Thakeham football team.

Mr Nicholls reported the issue of the long grass at the football field as it isn't being cut often enough. He reported dog fouling is going un-noticed because of this.

Mr Nicholls fielded questions from Councillors and committee agree to engage with grass cutter to mow it shorter and more often if need be and Clerk would oversee.

Mr Nicholls thanked committee for their time.

Meeting resumed at 6.19 pm.

22.10/0263 Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting held on 20 June 2022 were approved for signature.

22.10/0264 Report on action items from previous meetings

None – all items applicable, re-appear on this agenda.

22.10/0265 Recreation spaces and playgrounds

0265a) Glebe Field

FM discussed need to get field mowed by a specialist. Clerk to liaise with Tony Peacock and report back. [Action: Clerk]

FM reported back about a social event held on the 12.09 by Sussex Orchestra Great weather, fully engaged audience with 3 speakers.

NP raised the Flower festival is happening in 2024 and engagement should start soon. Clerk to follow up. [Action: Clerk]

0265b) High Bar Lane

No issues to report.

0265c) Furze Field playground

No issues to report.

22.10/0266 Abingworth facilities

0266a) Cricket Pavilion Maintenance

Alarm engineers due inspection in next couple of months.

0266b) Football fields

Already discussed above.

0266c) Allotment update

Work should start on progressing allotment committee and updating/checking register. Clerk to action.

22.10/0267 Rights of Way

0267a) White Lion opening and access

FM visited site and fence is damaged. Highways to repair. Contact Cllr Kenyon to chase. [Action Clerk to speak with Cllr Kenyon]

0267b) Bridleway issues

Members discussed the condition of the Bridleway owned by Mr T Bryant and requested he be contacted in order to remind him of his responsibilities. [Action. Clerk to contact] and, particularly when further Abingworth Phase 3 CIL funds arrive, there may be scope to progress the other ideas before very long.

22.10/0268 Roads matters

0268a) Safety at Picketty Corner Junction

Members requested that issue be raised with Cllr Kenyon. [Action. Clerk to contact WSCC Cllr Kenyon].

22.10/0269 Green Energy, Waste and Recycling

0269a) Rampion 2

FM attended meeting on Oct 12.regarding potential onshore cable routes. There will be 4 drop in events, of which the closet will be in Washington on the 12 Nov from 1-8pm. Outcomes will be submitted in March 2023.

0269b) Waste and recycling

Waste and recycling at TVH is almost at capacity. FM reported that 8-10kilos of stuff is being taken from here every week. Growing from strength to strength.

0269c) Other

NP Reported he will be attending a Climate Change Workshop.

22.10/0270 Tree and environmental management

0270a) Parish Online

Clerk gave an overview of a parish mapping tool called Parish online and the new facility to catalogue and record Trees, wildlife corridors and other green plans that councils may be adopting. Clerk will arrange training for Councillors in the upcoming months.

22.10/0271 Signs, bus stops, noticeboards

Cllrs requested that Cllr Kenyon explore options for a blanket 30mph zone around Thakeham. [Action. Clerk to contact Cllr Kenyon]

22.10/0272 Other Committee priorities

Members agreed that a new list of CIL projects/priorities needed to be drawn up.

22.10/0273 Chairman's announcements

There was none.

22.10/0274 Any other business

There was none

Date of next meeting: Monday 16 January 2023 at 6.15 pm

Cllr N Prince closed the meeting at: 7.22 pm

Signed:

Date: