

Wigginton Parish Council

The Old School Community Hall, Mill Lane, Wigginton, York YO32 2PU

Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council's Environment Committee held at 1030 on Friday 23rd November 2012 in the Len Roberts Room at the Recreation Hall, Wigginton.

E12/01 Present

Cllrs Douglas (Chair), Denton, Jeffery and Vaughan

E12/02 In Attendance

The Clerk

E12/03 Apologies for Absence

None

E12/04 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Denton and Vaughan declared an interest. Cllr Denton as a resident on the allotment waiting list and Cllr Vaughan having a family member as an allotment holder.

E12/05 Allotment Inspection

Cllr Douglas reminded members that the meeting had been arranged following a committee inspection of the allotments on Friday 2nd November 2012. During which it was noted that:-

- a) a number of allotments are or appear to be poorly maintained
- b) the dyke to the rear of the allotments is in-filled
- c) the hedgerow on the allotment side of Mill Lane is overgrown to the extent of creating access difficulties to individual allotments
- d) varying quantities of household debris is being disposed of on the allotments.

E12/06 Discussion of Findings

Members discussed the findings and agreed that a letter presented by Cllr Denton together with a short questionnaire be sent to all allotment holders highlighting the problems.

RESOLVED the clerk will amend the letter be sent to all allotment holders together with a questionnaire and the 2013 invoice be sent to allotment holders with a stamped addressed envelope seeking a reply by not later than 11th January 2013

E12/07 Access gate to the allotments

- a) Members agreed that the side gate to allotment 6B will be examined to determine what work is necessary to create a safe access.

RESOLVED that the clerk will arrange a survey and obtain costing.

- b) Members discussed an ongoing problem with the infilling of the dyke which is affecting a local resident.

RESOLVED that the matter be pursued.

E12/08 Ash Trees

Cllr Denton raised the issue of the current problem involving Ash Trees.

RESOLVED that the clerk will discuss the issue with the responsible officer at City of York Council and obtain advice.

E12/09 Village walkabout

Cllr Douglas suggested that a further village walkabout be arranged

RESOLVED that a walk about be held on Friday 14th December at 0930.

E 12/10 Hedgerows

Cllr Vaughan raised the problem of hedgerows affecting footpath widths in some areas of the village. City of York have provided a draft letter to the Parish Council that we may be able to use if it becomes necessary to correspond with residents

RESOLVED that this will form part of the walkabout on 14th December 2012.

E12/11 Date of Next Meeting

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Parish Council's Environment Committee be held on Friday 14th December 2012 at 0930.

NB These minutes are unconfirmed and subject to confirmation at the next meeting of the Environment Committee.