

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 11.45 on Tuesday 24th June 2014 in the John Jeffery Room at the Old School, Wigginton.

E14/01 Present

Cllrs Douglas (Chair), Denton, Fisher and Jeffery.

E14/02 In Attendance

The Clerk

E14/03 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Firth and Vaughan

E14/04 Declarations of Interest

None

E14/05 Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 08.05.14 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

E14/06 Matters arising

a) Boundary Issue

The clerk informed members that the resident has been informed that the Parish Council now considers the matter closed unless further supporting information is provided to them.

a) Allotment hedgerow height

The clerk informed members that the hedgerow height reduction to six (6) feet is not reasonable and would lead to virtual destruction of the hedgerow. It was suggested that the height reduction be limited to 18 to 24 inches (475 mm-610 mm)

RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the Parish Council for confirmation and that the clerk will also obtain quotations for the height reduction and draft a residents and allotment holders letter..

b) Willow Garth

Cllr Denton confirmed that the Willow Garth signage is now complete.

c) Allotments

The clerk informed members that the allotment holder has been advised that he can erect a shed of a maximum 6ft x 4ft in size.

d) Local residents employment request

The clerk informed members that the resident has been advised that no employment is available with the Parish Council.

e) Westfield lane/The Village corner plot

The clerk informed members that the project has been completed at a cost of £ 100.00

f) Hedgerow letter

The clerk informed members that the resident has been written to in respect of the overgrow hedgerow and planting.

E14/07 Vermin issues

The clerk informed members that following reports of vermin around the village pond and at an address in Stoop Close (advised by City of York Councillor I Cuthbertson), City of York pest controllers have been contacted and they have baited around the pond at a cost of £ 70.00. They are unable to take action in respect of the residents in Stoop Close as the cause is poultry keeping and necessary feeding. (Cllr Cuthbertson has been informed).

RESOLVED that the matter be noted.

E14/08 Hedgerow around field in Walmer Carr/Lancar Close

The clerk informed members that he has received complaints in respect of overgrown hedgerow at a field in Walmer Carr/Lancar Close. Contact has been made with those leasing the field who claimed responsibility is the land owners. Persimmon Builders, the land owners, have agreed that the Parish Council can carry out a hedge cutting/height reduction and that they will carry the cost, subject to being advised of the work involved and costs. A quotation is being obtained.

RESOLVED that the quotation be obtained, Persimmon be informed and the work be carried out at an appropriate time.

E14/09 Parking issues Mill Lane/The Village/Westfield Lane

The clerk informed members that he has received a residents request for assistance with parking issues which are preventing pedestrians, disabled person with scooters and parents with buggies from passing without venturing into the roadway. A meeting has been held with the local PCSO and he advised that providing there is double buggy width available it is unlikely that any action will be taken. He will however keep the situation under observation.

E14/010 Provision of Dog Waste Bin

The clerk informed members that he has received a request for a dog waste bin in Windsor Drive. This is a matter for City of York Council as it would involve regular emptying.

The resident has been informed.

E14/011 Windsor Drive snicket

The clerk reported that he has received a complaint in respect of the snicket area outside 16/18 Windsor Drive. After visiting the resident concerned City of York Safer Spaces team has been contacted and they will arrange an inspection and take the necessary action.

E14/012 Tree works in Church Lane

The clerk informed members that he has obtained a quotation for the ongoing tree management in Church Lane at £ 695.00

RESOLVED that the matters be noted and actioned accordingly.

E14/013 Other business not requiring notice

None

E14/014 Date and time of next meeting

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Environment Committee will be advised by the Parish Clerk.

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