

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 1015 on Tuesday 16th May 2016 in the John Jeffery Room at the Old School, Wigginton.

E16/001 Present

Cllrs. Vaughan, Denton, Fisher and Jeffery.

E16/002 In Attendance

The Clerk

E16/003 Apologies for Absence

None

E16/004 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Denton in the allotments and garden surface water issues

E16/005 Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 15.03.16 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

E16/006 Matters arising

1) Village Pond

a) Cleaning

The Clerk informed members that the contractor has finished the pond work and debris will be removed later this month.

b) Repairs

The Clerk informed members that the contractor cleaning the pond has completed the pond timber repairs.

c) The Clerk informed members that he has been obtaining quotation for a knee rail around the grass area of the pond (similar to Haxby rails) and for picnic tables. It is hoped that funding on a matched basis can be obtained from the Ward Committee or that when considered the Parish Council may make an award from s106 monies.

2) Allotment Drainage

The Clerk informed members that it is anticipated that work will commence towards the end of May. Once the date and programme has been agreed with the contractor a letter will be sent to the allotment holders concerned. It has been suggested that the work is delayed till October. This is not a practical option as who knows what the ground conditions will be then and it is necessary to carry-out the work on relatively dry ground to minimise damage.

3) Surface water problems

The Clerk informed members that the final phases of the work at the rear of the Wigginton Playing Fields Association car park has been completed and a wire/timber post fence has been erected for safety.

RESOLVED that the matters be noted and actioned accordingly.

E 16/007 Allotments

a) Rent review

The clerk informed members that the allotment holders have been issued with the 2016-17 rent invoices and all but 1 have now paid.

Footpath

The clerk informed members that he is in the process of obtaining quotations for improvements to the almost non-existent footpath inside the allotments. In addition quotations are being obtained for allotment division post and wire fencing.

b) Waiting List

The clerk informed members that there is currently a waiting list of 13.

E16/008 Other business

a) Dog waste bin Hornsey Garth

The Clerk informed members that he has received a letter requesting assistance with dog bin repositioning.

RESOLVED to ask Ward councillors to investigate.

b) Tree Survey

The Clerk informed members that a village tree survey has been carried out and will be discussed with Yorkshire Tree Surgeons and rectification work costed. Copies of the report are being sent to St Nicholas Church, Churchfield Open Space Committee and Wigginton Sports and Playing Fields Association for information.

RESOLVED that the matter be noted and actioned accordingly.

E16/009 Date and time of next meeting

RESOLVED that the need for separate Environment Committee meetings be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting with a view to incorporating it into the Parish meetings as is the case with Planning. Members agreed that there will still be a requirement to form an Environment Committee to discuss major or important issues.

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