

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 1130 on Friday 26th October 2018 in the John Jeffery Room at the Old School, Wigginton.

E18/024 Present

Cllrs. Vaughan Chairman, Fisher, Firth and Jeffery.

E18/025 Apologies

Cllr Denton

E 18/026 In Attendance

The Clerk

E18/027 Declarations of Interest

None

E18/028 Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 26.07.18 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

E18/029 Matters arising

1) Allotment Hedgerow

Members discussed the hedgerow removal and comments received from some Burrill Drive residents. The matter has been addressed by members of the Parish Council at previous Parish Council meetings who were agreed that matters of security, privacy and screening were not the responsibility of the Parish Council. The hedgerow removal will improve the allotments and prevent damage in the future to the drainage system it will also improve light to the allotment gardens and increase available space to them.

Quotations have been received from three contractors for leylandii removal and installation of a timber fence approximately 1.8 high. These were considered by the members.

RESOLVED unanimously that the leylandii be removed and replaced by a timber post, rail and boarded fence to approximately 1.8m high.

2) Pond repairs

The Clerk informed members that as the pond level is high and that ground conditions are soft that the project be deferred to 2019. Members agreed and asked that revised quotations for the works be obtained for reconsideration before the work is carried out.

RESOLVED that the matter be noted and progress accordingly.

E 18/030 Tree works

The Clerk informed members that, with the exception of the Willow Tree at the pond, all works have now been completed. Members agreed that the Willow Tree works, which will involve the contractor in additional hire costs for access purposes be progressed. The cost of the works is £ 1070.00 excluding VAT.

RESOLVED that the Clerk instruct the contractor to carry-out the necessary works.

E 18/031 Allotment lettings

The clerk informed members that all allotments are now let and that there is now a waiting list of 19.

RESOLVED that the matter be noted.

E 18/032 Date and time of next meeting

RESOLVED that the date of the next meeting of the Environment Committee will be held on Monday 10th December 2018 commencing at 1130 hours.

E 18/033 Other business

a) Memorial Bench

The Clerk informed members that the resident is arranging for the purchase of the bench and necessary installation.

b) Additional lighting for the Annual Carols around the Tree event

The Clerk informed members that there is a requirement to make up a number of additional portable light units to ensure visitors have sufficient safe lighting beyond the Old school frontage. Members agree that additional portable lights be purchased at a cost of £ 395.00

c) Allotment holders request to install a large water container and erection of a greenhouse

The Clerk informed members that the new allotment holder on plot 9b has made a request to install a large water contained and 6ft x 8ft greenhouse on their plot. Members agreed that the request be approved and that the container and greenhouse be installed at the rear of the plot.

d) Oak Tree removal Church Lane

The Clerk informed members that a further Oak Tree is to be removed in Church Lane which has been identified as causing root damage to a resident's bungalow.

e) Playing fields highway access Mill Lane

The Clerk informed members that the work is due to commence with the next 2 weeks and will take 1.2 days to complete. Those affected by the works will be informed by the Clerk.

f) Flower planting

The Clerk informed members that we need to commence the winter/spring flower planting. Members agreed that the flowers be purchased.

g) Use of firearms on the Playing Field

The clerk informed members that there has been a firearms incident at the Playing Field which resulted in a local resident calling the police. The use of a firearm has been a practice at the Playing Field for number of years. The gun holder is fully licenced with North Yorkshire Police and fully insured for such activities. The Playing Field Association have been requested to carry-out a full risk assessment before allowing the activity to be repeated. Additionally, the Clerk will discuss the activity with North Yorkshire Police to obtain advise.

RESOLVED that the matters be noted and acted upon accordingly.

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