

Wigginton Parish Council

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

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council's Environment Committee held at 1130 on Monday 8th July 2019 in the John Jeffery Room at the Old School, Wigginton.

E19/001 Present

Cllrs. Vaughan, Finch, Spence

E19/002 Apologies

Cllrs Denton, Lakey and Wreglesworth

E 19/003 In Attendance

The Clerk

E19/004 Election of Chairman

Members elected Cllr Spence Chair of the meeting.

E19/005 Declarations of Interest

None

E19/006 Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 11.03.19 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

E19/007 Matters arising

a) Allotment Hedgerow/Fence

The Clerk informed members that the project has been completed.

b) Oak Tree removal Church Lane

The Clerk informed members that the Oak Tree in Church Lane has now been removed and the project completed.

c) Snicket cleaning

The Clerk informed members that the matter remains unresolved but that he is discussing the work involved with a local contractor.

RESOLVED that the matters be noted.

E 19/008 Allotment

a) Lettings/Waiting list.

The clerk informed members that all allotments are let and that there is now a waiting list of 16.

b) Rent review

Members agreed that before a rent review is considered the allotments should be remeasured to ensure rents are fair.

c) Additional allotment space

Members agreed that it is desirable to provide if possible additional allotments.

d) Tenancy Agreement

Members agreed that the tenancy agreement should be reviewed and that comments be invited from all councillors.

RESOLVED that the matter be noted and actioned accordingly.

E19/009 Date and time of next meeting

RESOLVED that the date of the next meeting of the Environment Committee will be advised later.

E 19/010 Other business

a) Litter picking

The clerk informed members that a number of residents regularly pick up litter. As this might include broken glass and drugs related matter, a risk assessment should be carried out and, recommendations received in respect of Parish Council supplied safety and litter picking related items and procedural arrangements. It was noted that not only is litter collected in the streets but also at Churchfield Open Space and at the Playing Field, both committees should be included in any Parish Council initiative.

b) Hedgerow overhangs

Cllr Spence asked if anything could be done in respect of residents allowing hedgerow to encroach on the footpath pedestrian areas

Members agreed that this is a problem in certain areas and that we should consult with The City of York Council in respect of any actions possible.

c) Pond maintenance

The clerk informed members that the Parish Councils surveyor has recommended that we contact consulting engineers about the proposed works as he feels that the suggested improvements may be short-term solutions and may not be appropriate.

RESOLVED that the matters be noted and actioned accordingly.