

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at Hanham Hall, Whittucks Road on Tuesday 19th March 2019 at 7.30p.m.

PRESENT: *Members:* Councillors S Hicks, C Cushing, A Begley, N Lethaby
Officer: Mrs C Dolman – Clerk
Others: P Burgess, Parish Warden, 2 members of the public

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs H Goddard, J Goddard, T Bray & K Bell

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January 2019 as printed and circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING MATTERS

Resolved that the following comments be made:-

P19/2542/F **7 Rangers Walk**
Erection of 1 single storey detached outbuilding to form double garage and storage.
No comment

P19/1889/F **10 Stanhope Road**
Erection of two storey and single storey side and front extension to provide additional living accommodation. Alterations to raised platform forward of the principal elevation.
No comment

P19/2402/F **79 Stanhope Road**
Erection of single storey side and front extension to form additional living accommodation
No comment

4 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported on the following:-

Planters outside Co-op

I have been in contact with the manager at the Co-op in Memorial Road to discuss planters. I have also spoken to their Head Office, who have agreed to fund the purchase of three large planters at a cost of circa £1,500. They have also agreed that their legal department will liaise with the landlord to obtain permission for the planters to be installed. The parish council discussed this at October Full Council and members were receptive to the funding of the planting up and ongoing maintenance of these planters. I am in the process of obtaining an idea of costs to do this.

Problems at Castle Farm Road Car Park and motorcycles in Avon Valley Woodlands

I copied members in on an email received from a resident living in Castle Farm Road concerning youths racing around the car park and picnic area at night. This resident has been in contact with the police and officers at South Glos Council and has suggested that large boulders be installed to stop cars entering at night. Miles Harris of SGC has emailed me to confirm that he is discussing this with colleagues to see if any action can be taken to alleviate these problems.

Regarding motorcycles in Bickley Woods, this seems to get worse when motorcycles are using the Funduro track in Keynsham. The resident has been in touch with Sara Ball at SGC who is liaising with her opposite partner in B&NES as the Funduro track is in the B&NES jurisdiction. The resident would be grateful for any assistance in resolving this issue.

Pavilion

A new, larger capacity, water heater is being installed in the pavilion this Friday. Hopefully, members of both the home and away team will be able to have hot showers from now on.

Chequers Sign

I have emailed the manager of the Chequers requesting that the A-board sign on Stevens Green be removed by 31st March, but have received no response.

5 REPORT OF THE PARISH WARDEN

Paul Burgess, the Parish Warden, reported on the following:-

- When Streetcare empty the litter bins on Hanham Common, they use a truck to drive to each bin. Although they avoid driving over the football pitch, there is a boggy area in front of the pavilion and when driving over this, it churns up the ground. The Clerk advised that she would contact Streetcare, asking them to avoid driving the truck over boggy areas on Hanham Common.
- The bin next to the bench in front of the pavilion needs attention. The Clerk advised that this bin is on her priority list for replacement in the next financial year.
- The pitch is not looking its best, the grass is bumpy and needs cutting. The Clerk advised that Prestige Grounds will be cutting the grass very soon and also giving it a light rolling.
- There is lots of signage for driveways around Samuel Whites Road/Lydiards Croft – the signs are attached to pallets which look untidy. The Clerk will report this to SGC.
- Small motorbikes are causing problems around the parish – one was spotted on the Common last week. The Clerk advised she would report this to PC Lee Humphreys.
- There was an accident outside Hanham Butchers at around 11pm on Saturday, which has resulted in two bollards being hit over.
- He has cleared a lot of vegetation down Common Road. However, it is very overgrown from the main gate down to the bottom of the road. The Clerk will ask Streetcare to prune.
- Conham Hill – wall is falling down and the area has a serious litter problem. The Clerk advised that this is not in our parish, but she would report this to the Clerk of Hanham Parish Council.
- The pavilion has been left in a mess after football, with nets, corner flags etc not being put away. The Clerk will contact the teams to remind them to leave the pavilion as they found it.

6 MIS-USE OF ABBOTS ROAD CAR PARK

Cllr C Cushing reported that cars are being left in the car park for significant lengths of time, despite there being a waiting restriction. **Recommended** that the Clerk speaks to Cllr H Goddard about enforcing the time limit.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

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Chairman