

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at Hanham Hall, Whittucks Road on Tuesday 18th September 2018 at 7.30p.m.

PRESENT: *Members:* Councillors S Hicks, C Cushing, A Begley, T Bray, G McAllister & N Lethaby
Officer: Mrs C Dolman – Clerk
Others: P Burgess, Parish Warden

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2018 as printed and circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, with the addition of apologies from Cllr T Bray.

3 CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING MATTERS

Resolved that the following comments be made:-

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21 Court Farm Road

Demolition of existing attached garage to form new access. Erection of new detached garage for existing bungalow and 3 detached dwellings with parking and associated works.

Objections. The proposed new dwellings are two storey buildings, whereas the neighbouring properties are bungalows; the 3 proposed dwellings are therefore out of character with the surrounding area and will have an overbearing effect, particularly 21a which will overlook 23 Court Farm Road. The garden of 21 Court Farm Road slopes upwards, exacerbating this overbearing effect on neighbouring properties. We also have concerns over access and egress onto Court Farm Road. A sites inspection is recommended.

4 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that she had purchased a new PC monitor for £99 plus £4 delivery charge, as the one she is currently using is not working properly.

Having reported the council's decision to press on with deregistering the footprint and curtilage of the pavilion to SGC, Andrew Griffiths the SGC Solicitor, is now stepping back from the process to avoid a conflict of interest as he will be dealing with the application for deregistration in SGC's role as the determining authority. He has advised that the parish council now seek independent legal assistance in preparing and submitting the deregistration application. Cllr S Hicks advised that he is putting together a draft of ideas for the future use of the pavilion which he will have ready for October Full Council. It was agreed that the pavilion project be put on the agenda for October Full Council, with a view to having a meeting to examine all the legal advice obtained so far and decide on next steps.

5 REPORT OF THE PARISH WARDEN

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

- The fence at the Gover Road open space is still in need of repair/replacement. The Clerk confirmed that she has reported this on several occasions to SGC, warning them that the site is vulnerable to unauthorized encampments and last week receiving confirmation from SGC that the fence will be receiving attention shortly.
- Footpath by ring road towards Stonehill – fence has been burnt in places and various sections are missing. The fencing on the other side of the road has been replaced with metal fencing. The Clerk will report this to SGC.
- Ivy growing out of Hanham Common wall near shelter – members agreed that Paul should try to tackle this.

- Saplings/vegetation surrounding the cherry tree at top of common – members agreed that Paul should remove these and ask for advice from Nigel de Berker at Wessex Tree Consultancy if he feels this is necessary.
- There are still paint trays and decorating equipment inside the pavilion and some doors and the floor still have paint on. **Recommended** that the Clerk contacts Old Georgians asking that the decorating equipment be removed and the paint on doors and floor be removed.
- The local Green Party is organizing a litter pick at Gover Road this Saturday.

6 REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Clerk circulated the current terms of reference.

Recommended that the current Terms of Reference are noted as being reviewed with no changes necessary.

7 APPOINTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR

The Clerk advised that at the Annual Meeting, Cllr G McAllister was nominated as Vice Chair without being a member of the committee! Therefore, a member of the committee needs to be nominated. No members volunteered, so this will go onto the next Environment Committee agenda.

8 ABBOTS ROAD DUCK POND – AUTUMN CLEARANCE WORK

The Clerk circulated the 5 year management plan for the pond and it was **recommended** that Aquaflo be asked to quote for the autumn pond clearance work, in line with recommendations contained in the management plan.

9 NEW POSTBOXES ON ABBOTS ROAD

Cllr C Cushing reported that two new post boxes have appeared on Abbots Road. **Recommended** that the Clerk looks into this and reports back.

10 PARKING ON VERGE ADJACENT TO THE POUND, ABBOTS ROAD

Cllr C Cushing reported that since the vegetation has been cleared around the Pound, there are an increasing amount of vehicles parking in the verge, but protruding into the road causing an obstruction. The Clerk asked Cllr Cushing to take photographs of offending vehicles to send to SGC.

11 MEMBERS POINTS OF INTEREST

Cllr C Cushing reported that vehicles are driving along the footpath from the Chequers car park towards Londonderry Farm and causing damage to stiles. **Recommended** that the Clerk reports this to SGC Rights of Way.

Cllr T Bray asked if there is any way of ascertaining where the public highway is actually situated outside the Chequers, as there is still outdoor furniture on what he believes is the public highway. The Clerk advised that she would look into this and report back.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

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Chairman