

## ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a virtual meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7.30p.m. via Zoom

PRESENT:        Members:        Councillors K Bell, H Goddard, S Hicks, J Goddard, R Boissevain, D Smith & B Langley  
                  Officer:            Mrs C Dolman – Clerk  
                  Others:             None

### 1        **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from P Burgess, parish warden.

### 2        **Confirmation of minutes**

**Resolved** that confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 as printed and circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 3        **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported on the following:-

#### **Duck pond**

Prior to the current pandemic, the parish council arranged for work on the duck pond to take place in the autumn. Good Grounds & Gardens will be visiting at the end of September /beginning of October to thin out the reed mace (bulrush), iris etc.

#### **Request from Warwick FC to renovate changing rooms in pavilion**

I have received an email from a team member at Warwick, asking if the parish council would entertain the idea of funding for paint and simple renovations such as shelving for boots etc and paint. They would like to make the changing rooms a nicer place ready for when they are able to use them again after Covid19 restrictions have been lifted. I have pointed out that Old Georgians painted the lobby area and changing rooms a couple of years ago, but that I would mention it at tonight's meeting to test the water. We do have to bear in mind that we haven't received the level of income that we normally do due to matches not being played, not only due to Coronavirus but the bad weather experienced at the start of 2020 which meant many matches had to be cancelled. ***Recommended*** that the parish council contributes a maximum of £50 towards paint which should be a similar, neutral colour to that already there.

#### **Bin on Waters Lane**

Re Item 6 of the March 2020 minutes. A normal litter bin, rather than a dog waste bin, was installed here a few weeks ago

### 4        **Consideration of Planning Matters**

**Resolved** that the following comments be made:-

P20/15542/F        **144 Whittucks Road**

*Installation of 3 front dormers and 2 hip to gable extensions to facilitate loft conversion.*

No objections

**5 Discussion on response of SGC Enforcement re land adjacent to 70 Willsbridge Hill**

The Clerk circulated emails between herself and the enforcement department at SGC. There is some disagreement between the former SGC enforcement officer's opinion on the state of the land and the container within, and the SGC's enforcement officer who has taken over this case. Recommended that the Clerk forwards the emails to Robert Walsh at SGC and Cllr H Goddard will also contact him.

**6 Consideration of outstanding tasks at Hanham Common Play Area**

The Clerk circulated an email from Gail Lambert, play officer at SGC, pointing out that the surfacing at the play area is badly cracked and needs replacing very soon. There was a discussion over who is actually responsible for maintaining the play area as some years ago it was handed to SGC who agreed to take on responsibility for the play area as a whole. It was recommended that:-

- The Clerk arranges for Cllr S Hicks to visit Gloucester Records Office to try to find the minutes when the decision was made for SGC to take on the play area;
- In the meantime, the Clerk obtains quotations to replace the surfacing as the parish council has circa £8k in CIL money that could go towards this.

**7 Consideration of response to consultation on changes to the current planning system**

It was felt that members of the council do not have the level of expertise to properly comment on this consultation and it was noted that NALC would be responding on behalf of all town and parish councils. Recommended that the consultation be duly noted and to allow NALC to speak for all town and parish councils on this consultation.

**8 Items for agenda of next Council meeting**

- Pavilion update

The meeting closed at 8.11pm

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Chairman