



Bar Hill Parish Council
Minutes of Environment Committee Meeting
Held in The Parish Council Office at 7.00pm
On Wednesday 6 May 2015

ACTION

1. Present	B Waters	Chair	(BW)
	R Hall	Councillor	(RH)
	S Spence	Councillor	(SS)
	A Mitchell	Councillor	(AM)
	M Nelson	Councillor	(MN)
	M Pope	Councillor	(MP)
	A Saunders	Councillor	(AS)
	J York	Councillor	(JY)
	J Doland	Councillor	(JD)

Apologies

S Jenkins	Councillor	(SJ)
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2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were approved

3. Matters arising

Matters were discussed under agenda headings

4. Brian Heffernan, Flood Officer, CCC, suggested that Parish Councillors meet at the front of the village, together with ADC, a specialist drainage company, Anglian Water, BW AS, SJ to discuss investigation into drainage at this site. The problem found was in pipework, the requirement is to clear the silt etc., which ADC will quote for. There was also a visit to pipework opposite Viking Way and work was discussed to clear the site. The group visited Hollytrees to discuss the stream and work required to prop up the banks.

The media, BBC TRV and Radio Cambs had contacted residents in Hollytrees regarding the flooding on 8th August 2014, they had give what was felt by Councillors biased comments on the flooding and perceived lack of action to do anything about it.

It was proposed that the PC put together facts of what the PC has done in conjunction with CCC, using pictures, photos, you tube slot weir information. MN calculated that 2.5 million gallons of water fell on Tesco Car Park on 8th August in 30 minutes. MN will gather information and action this. MN suggested that Radio Cambs and Look East read the facts on the PC website and then come back to the PC with questions.

The chair of Dry Drayton PC said at the October meeting that another reservoir should be built at DD near the existing one.

The PC feel that the programmes have been biased with no meeting taking place from any PC representatives.

3. Tree Management Programme

The quotation from Acacia was accepted at £3000.00 for the action to be taken 6 Willow Trees on the green behind Otter Close.

All agreed. Proposed by BB Seconded by RH

4. Menzies Hotel – Trees along the perimeter road

A letter to be written to the Manager of the Hotel from the PC advising to cut back the trees along the perimeter road and cut back the grass from the Hotel back entrance to the beginning of the Fairway. The letter also to refer to the conversation that the manager had with BB six months ago when the Manager assured him this would be managed.



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5. Hanover Housing

JD to approach Hanover Housing representative to ask that the overgrown areas onto the path and green area.

John Brown, 29 Oatlands Ave

It was suggested that a letter of thanks be sent from the PC to John Brown for the work he has undertaken on the roundabout at the end of Oatlands Ave.

Litter Pick

There was a successful litter pick in April. Several employees from Tesco joined in, including the Manager and Community Manager. A great many residents joined in too, together with children who enthusiastically collected a great deal of litter/rubbish.

There are concerns that there is a lot of litter left beside litter bins. BW to speak to SL regarding this.

AM to be asked to research to cost of large lidded bins for excess rubbish.

RH has been asked by a resident to see if the rubbish around the back of 17 Almond Grove and the side of 16 Robin Close can be removed.

BW to investigate.

AS suggested that Steve Lawlor be approached regarding collecting rubbish in his van around the village and taking it to the bin in the Village Hall car park, if the PC parked one there.

MP suggested domestic size bins with liners could be put in the play area and chained to the fence. Litter to be put on the agenda for May.

6. New Clerk

Sue Bell has been appointed as the new Clerk, she will start in post on 11th May.

Sue will work 16 hours per week and 8 hours over the month for PC and Env meetings.

Salary £9764 per annum. Sue does not have RFO included in her post..

Di Marshall will be the PC's RJO and will start on 1st June 2015.

BW asked if cllrs could come into the office on Tues and Weds to help Sue in the first few weeks.

7. Items for information

- Andrew Noyes: BW is meeting with Andrew Noyes and Councillors also if they would like to attend. This is to discuss Viking Way and what road repairs are required there. The meeting is on Monday 11th May at 10.00am in the PC meeting room.

- BB expressed concern about a large pothole outside Bar Hill Motors.

- MP expressed concern that just one Councillor has a key to the office and meeting room. It was suggested that a key safe is purchased and put in a secure place.

- SS advised that near the slot weir there is concrete in the brook and some pallets. Trees have been sawn and branches left in the main brook.

- Website: MN updated information that he had registered himself and the domain name. The website is now active.

- Otter Close: BW informed that the end of the T is badly in need of repair, part is adopted and half is not. CCC has discussed with BWS and Lynda Harford about repairs to the road.

- The Farmhouse: Anglia Property Preservation have given a quotation for part of the repair to the damp problem but they cannot do the total repair. Request for quotations for repairs to go be sent.



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Meeting closed at 9.36pm

Signed... (Chair of the Environment Committee)