

CLAYTON-LE-WOODS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

HELD ON MONDAY 6TH JULY 2015 at 7.00PM AT CLAYTON GREEN LIBRARY

PRESENT: Councillor D Rogerson (Chairman)
Councillor R Boyd
Councillor M Clifford
Councillor S Cross
Councillor A Cullens
Councillor E Whiteford

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs TD Morris (Clerk)

	ACTION
<p>15.01 APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies were received and accepted by Councillor G Ormston</p>	
<p>15.02 DECLARATION OF INTEREST</p> <p>There was no declaration of interest.</p>	
<p>15.03 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN</p> <p>After due deliberation Councillor D Rogerson was elected as Chairman of the Committee for a period of one year.</p>	
<p>15.04 TERMS OF REFERENCE</p> <p>The draft Terms of Reference were scrutinised by the committee.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the Terms of Reference (TOR) be adopted at the full parish council and that the TOR would be reviewed by the Environmental Committee on an annual basis.</p>	
<p>15.05 NORTH WEST IN BLOOM COMPETITION</p> <p>Councillor Whiteford confirmed that the judges would be visiting the parish on Thursday 16th July 2015.</p> <p>All the preparations would be completed prior to the judging date.</p>	

15.06 SCHOOL FOOTPATHS CLEARANCE

The Councillors were informed that the footpaths behind Manor Road and Lancaster Lane Schools had become overgrown.

It was noted that Bedrock Landscapes Ltd had been contracted to undertake the clearances of footpaths behind Manor Road School and Lancaster Lane School.

It was requested that the clerk write to Bedrock Landscapes Ltd to enquire as to when the work would be completed.

Clerk

15.07 BANKSIDE FLY TIPPING

Councillor Clifford had raised the issue of fly tipping on Bankside as residents were unhappy with the state of cleanliness in the area.

The committee were aware of the issues and debated a number of possible solutions.

The members requested that the clerk contact Chorley Council requesting that waste in front of Forbes Estate Agents be moved to the opposite corner.

Also to remind Chorley Council of the days when the Lengthsman litter picks in the area so that his black bags do not encourage other residents to place black bags there.

**Clerk/
Cllr M
Clifford**

15.08 SRING MEADOW POND PROJECT

Councillor Whiteford advised the meeting that Environments for People (contractor) were due to be back on site during August 2015.

The clerk advised the meeting that the contractor had yet to comply with a request for a schedule of work and associated costings.

The committee requested that reminder be sent to Environments for People requesting that they comply with the outstanding requirements, so that the parish council can duly scrutinise the contract prior to any further work being undertaken.

Clerk/FPC

15.09 ANNUAL REVIEW OF ASSET REGISTER 2014/15

The committee were provided a copy of the parish asset register for their scrutiny.

It was noted that a number of the benches in the parish had come to the end of their natural life and needed replacing.

Also the number of waste bins needed to be checked as it was noted that a neighbouring parish had been overcharged for their waste bin collection service.

It was noted that there had not been a 'walk around the parish' in some years and that it would be an opportune time to conduct one with the new councillors.

The committee decided to recommend a 'walk around the parish' to review the council's assets and amenities at the next full council meeting.

FPC

15.10 LCC SIGN POSTING PROJECT

The clerk informed the meeting that Lancashire County Council were logging footpaths and signs and that there may be an opportunity to reinstate the footpath sign at Back Lane woods.

The committee agreed that the clerk should investigate the matter and report back in due course.

Clerk

15.11 PROPOSALS FOR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS 2015

The Clerk proposed that the parish consider providing more Christmas decorations than in previous years. At present one tree was donated to Clayton Green Library.

It was suggested that as a gesture of goodwill to the community Christmas trees could be donated to Clayton Brook community centre and Manor Road Community Centre.

The committee also debated on whether to erect solar powered Christmas lights which would be erected on the mountings used for the summer planters.

The committee agreed that the clerk should investigate these matters and report back in due course.

Clerk

15.12 WINTER BEDDING PLANTS 2015/16

It was noted that the two flowerbeds (one at Pines Roundabout one at Clayton Brook roundabout) would be empty during the winter months once the summer bedding plants were removed.

One of the proposals would be to plant winter/spring bedding. It was requested that the clerk enquire with Chorley Council as to what the possible costs would be and report back to the council in due course.

Clerk

15.13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday 5th October 2015 at 7.00pm at Clayton Green Library.