

LONDON COLNEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE HELD IN THE
CALEDON COMMUNITY CENTRE, CALEDON ROAD ON TUESDAY 7 JULY 2015, 6.30pm

MINUTE NO.	DETAIL	ACTION
	<p>PRESENT. Councillors J Quagliozi, D Gordon, H Pakenham, M. MacMillan, & N Mahony with apologies for late arrival 6.35pm with J Barker, M Crouch and B Lang</p> <p>and Mr L Casling – Grounds and Maintenance Manager LCPC</p> <p>IN ATTENDANCE Mrs Irene Casper, Clerk</p>	
1	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Councillor Gordon declared a non-pecuniary interest as her partner rents an allotment for LCPC. Mrs Barker declared a non-pecuniary interest as she rents two allotment plots from LCPC.</p>	
2	<p>APOLOGIES Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor A Osborne (personal) and Mr K Peak (personal)</p>	
3	<p>MINUTES The minutes of the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee meeting of 24 March 2015 which had been previously circulated were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.</p> <p><i>Cllr Mahony arrived during this item (6.35pm)</i></p>	
4	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES There were no matters arising.</p>	
5.	<p>ALLOTMENTS Members considered a request to erect a shed on a plot in Glebe field.</p>	

	<p>Proposed and resolved that the request to erect a shed on a plot at Glebe field is approved subject to no complaints being received.</p> <p>Members considered a request to erect fencing around an allotment plot on Glebe field. (A picture of the proposed fencing was circulated to members)</p> <p>Proposed and resolved that the request to erect fencing around an allotment plot on Glebe field is refused.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk is to inform the allotment holder that rabbit fencing may be considered.</p> <p>It was noted that there is a rabbit problem on Glebe field, the rabbits are coming from the adjacent plot of overgrown land owned by the Diocesan Board of Finance.</p> <p>Proposed and resolved that the Clerk writes to the Diocesan Board of Finance requesting that the adjacent plot of overgrown land at Glebe field is cleared and the rabbit problem addressed humanely.</p> <p>It was noted that Mr Casling will be carrying out an inspection of Shenley allotment field tomorrow (Wednesday 8th July).</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>GREEN ENERGY</p> <p>A report on Green energy compile by Mr Lang had been circulated to all members before the last committee meeting. Hard copies of the report were round the table.</p> <p>Mr Lang presented his comprehensive report.</p> <p>After discussion:</p> <p>It was agreed to take three items from the report to move forward and gather more information</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Solar Power 2. Heat Pumps 3. Accreditation to a Green Council <p>It was agreed to put the following items on the agenda of the next meeting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Green Energy b) Green Council <p>Mr Lang will work on the next steps, one of which is moving onto green energy in buildings, especially with a view to money saving items.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>

<p>7</p>	<p>FLOOD FAIR</p> <p>It was noted that the 'Flood Fair' took place on Tuesday 9 June 2015 at the Caledon community Centre.</p> <p>It was well attended, with parishioners from both London Colney and Colney Heath.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk contact SADC to ask why representatives from Thames Water did not attend the Fair.</p> <p>It was agreed to put information on Flood Wardens in the next issue of the parish magazine.</p> <p>Flood Emergency Plan Members agreed that LCPC's Flood Emergency Plan document needs cosmetic work on its presentation.</p> <p>Proposed and resolved that the Finance Committee are requested to approve expenditure of approximately £200 for a graphic designer to update the Flood Emergency Plan.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk seeks an estimate from a graphic designer to put before the Finance Committee at its next meeting.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN</p> <p>No new developments on the Plan.</p> <p>It was reported that a footpath has been closed on land managed by the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk investigates why the footpath is closed.</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p>STRATEGY FOR LITTER</p> <p>It was reported that Fly tipping is taking place in the car park off of Haseldine Road. Rubbish is being tipped in the gap between the recycling banks.</p> <p>This matter had been discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 3rd July.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk writes and requests that the recycling banks are re-arranged so that there is no gap between them.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk investigates if LCPC can formulate a bylaw to charge a levy against fly tipping.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>

	<p>It was agreed that the Clerk finds out what fine SADC imposes for fly-tipping.</p> <p>It was agreed to put an article in the next parish magazine informing dog owners that they can put dog waste in all litter bins (not recycling bins).</p> <p>Members discussed the problem of litter in front of High Street premises. It was agreed that when the Litter Strategy comes into force all businesses will be written to informing them of the strategy and asking them to be more responsible for areas outside their premises.</p> <p>Members then took on responsibility for investigating and reporting on the different sources of litter and possible solutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litter in the street – Cllr Gordon • Litter from cars – J Barker • Fly tipping – Cllr. MacMillan • Escapes from recycling banks – Cllr Quagliozi • Contractors/ Sainsbury's/ SADC who don't empty facilities as often as they should. – parish office <p>It was agreed members report back at the next meeting.</p>	CLERK
9	<p>PEAP</p> <p>Members reviewed the PEAP (Parish Environmental Action Plan). It was agreed that the contents of this document are good but it needs to be more user friendly</p> <p>Members agreed to prioritise items in the PEAP document.</p> <p>Members discussed the noticeboard at Coopers Wood and agreed it needs updating.</p> <p>Proposed and resolved to recommend to Full Council that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) A sum of £3000 is identified from balances to re-visit this document and update the presentation to make it more user friendly. NOTE: The money to update the Flood Emergency Plan would come from this budget. b) Costs to upgrade the noticeboard at coopers Wood are taken to the Finance Committee. 	

<p>10</p>	<p>ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES</p> <p>The Chairman explained that this agenda item is to discuss any environmental issues in the coming municipal year.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drainage within London Colney There are ongoing problems with drainage within the village. Engineers have investigated blockages of some of the drains; remedial work to drains on the St Peter's Church side of the river are due to start later this month. Fat and oil tipped down the sink, wet wipes being flushed, hair etc all contribute to the blockage of drains. It was agreed to put an article on this item in the Parish Magazine. 2. Removal of Trees Councillor MacMillan reported that three trees have been cut down in the High Street and the stumps left. Councillor Gordon confirmed that this work had been done by HCC, she will speak to Ringways and report back. It was agreed that in principle the trees should be replaced. 3. Village Sign It was noted that the village sign on the village green is in need of refurbishment. It was agreed that this is to be an agenda item at the next meeting. 4. Request to take over planting of a flower bed A High Street business had requested taking over the planting of a flower bed which is sited outside their premises. It was agreed that Mr Casling will contact the business and clarify what their request is for and report back. <p><i>Councillor Mahony left during this item (7.50pm)</i></p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on 22 September 2015, 6.30pm</p>	
<p>12.</p>	<p>CLOSE</p> <p>There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55pm.</p>	

Chairman