

LONDON COLNEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE HELD IN THE
CALEDON COMMUNITY CENTRE, CALEDON ROAD ON TUESDAY 26 JANUARY 2016,
6.35pm

MINUTE NO.	DETAIL	ACTION
	<p>PRESENT. Councillors M MacMillan (in the Chair at start of meeting), A Osborne, J Quagliozi (with apologies for late arrival (7.46pm) With Councillor H Pakenham with Judy Barker, M Crouch, K Peak, B Lang with apologies for late arrival (6.47pm)</p> <p>IN ATTENDANCE Mrs Irene Casper, Clerk</p> <p>With Mr Andrew Wolfe (Chief Executive Willows Farm), Julian Thornton (HCC Rights of Way Network), Phil Escritt (Ramblers, St Albans) and Ian Hardy (Ramblers, Ridge).</p>	
1	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>None received.</p>	
2	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor D Gordon (attending a meeting at SADC) and Leigh Casling - Grounds Maintenance Manager (personal).</p>	
3.	<p>It was agreed to take item 4 as next business.</p> <p><i>Mr Lang arrived during this item 6.46</i></p> <p>Presentation from Mr Wolfe of Willow Activity Farm</p> <p>Councillor MacMillan welcomed Mr Wolfe and invited him to begin the presentation.</p> <p>Presentation on The Tyttenhamgar Path problems consultation on the proposed solutions</p> <p>Mr Wolfe informed members of the current situation</p>	

At the moment there are problems with the paths in the Tyttenhangar Estate and adjacent areas. Several footpaths are blocked by lakes and buildings. This has been an ongoing problem for a number of years and Mr Wolfe has been in discussion with HCC, the Ramblers Association and the British Horse Society to find a solution that is accepted by all organisations.

Mr Escritt then gave a slide show presentation of the proposed new scheme.

There were six slides showing the routes of the paths at present and the proposed new diverted routes.

It is proposed that the category of the paths is changed from permissive (permission for the paths given by the land owner that can be removed at any time) to public rights of way.

The scheme includes a footpath near the by-pass on land owned by LCPC which needs to be rerouted slightly. Approval of this move must be agreed by LCPC and the Council will then be party to a legal agreement

The scheme also incorporates a circular bridleway.

Mr Thornton (HCC) said that HCC has facilitated this scheme with landowners and users and it is hoped it will go forward and be approved. All Ramblers Associations throughout the county support the scheme.

Members questioned the gentlemen on the new scheme and it was confirmed by Mr Thornton that HCC will have responsibility to maintain the paths and every path will be at least 3 metres wide.

There will be a public consultation on the scheme on 18 March and Mr Wolfe was advised to use a venue within the village, such as the Baptist Church, which will be much more accessible to parishioners.

Proposed and resolved to recommend to Full Council

- 1. To support the proposed new Tyttenhangar Path scheme**
- 2. To agree to the rerouting of a footpath on LCPC owned land near the by-pass.**
- 3. To approve upgrading of the paths from permissive to public rights of way.**

The Chairman thanked Mr Wolfe, Mr Thornton, Mr Escritt and Mr Hardy for attending the meeting.

It was agreed to take a five minute break whilst the projector and equipment were cleared and Messrs. Wolfe, Thornton, Escritt and Hardy left the meeting. 7.30pm

	It was agreed that Councillor Osborne take the chair for the next part. of the meeting.	
4.	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>The minutes of the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee meeting of 24 November 2015 which had been previously circulated were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.</p>	
5	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</p> <p>None</p>	
6.	<p>ALLOTMENTS</p> <p>I was noted that there are 2 people on the waiting list and one party were looking at a plot this week.</p> <p>It was agreed that an allotment inspection would take place in March. Aerial photographs of the fields are to be provided to the councillors.</p> <p>It was agreed to provide a list allotment holders who have more than one plot at the next committee meeting.</p>	
7	<p>GREEN ENERGY</p> <p>A Draft Environmental Policy was circulated to members.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk circulates the document by email to members of this committee. Any comments will be incorporated, and the updated policy will go before the committee at its next meeting</p>	CLERK
8	<p>TREE STRATEGY FOR LONDON COLNEY PARISH COUNCIL</p> <p>A tree report on trees by the river was circulated.</p> <p>It was agreed to have a definitive plan of all the trees on land owned by LCPC, including a numbering system and names of trees.</p> <p>I was agreed to identify trees with TPO's on them.</p>	G/M/Manager

<p>9</p>	<p>VILLAGE SIGN</p> <p>The Clerk gave an update on the Village Sign.</p> <p>Work on the refurbishment will start as soon as the wet weather improves.</p>	
<p>10</p>	<p>RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN</p> <p>Agreed to keep this item on the agenda.</p>	
<p>11</p>	<p><i>Councillor MacMillan left the meeting 7.45</i> Councillor Quagliozi arrived during this item 7.46 and took the Chair</p> <p>STRATEGY FOR LITTER</p> <p>It was agreed that members would bring their reports to the next meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed to request a large bin (as in Drivers Way Car Park) in the Haseldine Road car park as the problem of fly tipping is still ongoing. Clerk to write to SADC by end of next week.</p> <p>Clean for the Queen</p> <p>It was agreed support the national Clean for the Queen weekend and arrange a Litter Pick for Saturday 5 March.</p> <p>It was agreed to contact local schools, scouts, guides and brownies. Refreshments will be served at the Caledon Centre after the pick.</p> <p>The Clerk will contact Amey re the supply of gloves, litter pickers and rubbish bins and for the collection of the waste after the event.</p>	
<p>12</p>	<p>PEAP</p> <p>The upgrading is ongoing.</p>	
<p>13</p>	<p>COOPERS WOOD</p> <p>Members discussed the refurbishment of the board at Coopers Wood.</p> <p>It was agreed to review illustrations and a map of the area at the next committee meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed to leave the board at its present site.</p>	

14	NEXT MEETING The next meeting will take place on 16 February, 6.30pm.	
15	CLOSE There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm.	

Chairman