

LONDON COLNEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING PARTY HELD IN
THE CALEDON COMMUNITY CENTRE, CALEDON ROAD ON TUESDAY 28 March 2017

MINUTE NO.	DETAIL	ACTION
	<p>PRESENT. Councillors A Osborne (Chair) and D Gordon;</p> <p>with J Barker, Mary Crouch and K Peak.</p> <p>IN ATTENDANCE Lionel Thatcher Locum Clerk and Leigh Casling, Grounds Manager</p> <p>QUORUM There not being a quorum, it was agreed to continue the meeting as a Working Party</p>	
1	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>J Barker declared a non-pecuniary interest as she rents two allotment plots from LCPC</p>	
2	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>No apologies were received.</p>	
3.	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>The minutes of the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee meeting of 31 January 2017 which had been previously circulated were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.</p>	
4	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>	

<p>5</p>	<p>ALLOTMENTS</p> <p>The Clerk reported that all were currently let and there were two people on the waiting list. Mrs Barker said that at Shenley Lane numbers 1 and 36.5 had not been touched this year.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>LITTER STRATEGY</p> <p>The Chairman proposed Saturday 8 April for the next litter pick, meeting at the Caledon Centre at 11am, with the intention of covering the south side of the river. The pick will be advertised on the website. Mrs Crouch said that she and Councillor Pakenham had walked around the car park at Lobell Lane and litter was noted behind the fence in was very bad in the river. She suggested picking from the river towards Sainsbury's. Councillor Gordon will ask the District Council to provide collection bags.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>COOPERS WOOD</p> <p>Coopers Wood Board The Clerk said that he had checked and the Parish Council does not have any photographs that would be suitable for the board.Mr Peak has a number that could be used and was thinking of taking more later in the year when more plants are in bloom. He gave the 'chip' to the Grounds Manager so that he could review what is there and select suitable scenes. The Grounds Manager will also provide litter bins as required.</p> <p>Trees The Grounds Manager said that when he first looked he became very concerned because of the amount of work that needed doing. There are well over 500 trees on the riverside, Coopers Wood and Napsbury. He had recently had 5 trees inspected and pruned and the cost was over £5000. He had previously suggested that a member of staff be trained, but the course cost was £3500 per person and this was rejected by the committee. Legislation has now changed and two persons have to be qualified. He was therefore investigating the use of an outside contractor who would be responsible for the safety of trees. So far he has had two quotes, one for £5000 per annum plus an additional £5000 for a 24 hour call-out service. This he also proposed to the Finance Committee but it was not approved.</p>	

	<p>It was agreed to recommend this expenditure to Finance Committee. The Chairman asked if the Grounds Manager could provide the numbers of trees in each area and this will be done. Mr Peak said a lot of footpaths were obstructed by briars and young trees are outgrowing their supports in places and need attention.</p>	
8	<p>FLOOD WARDENS Mr Peak left a note regarding the river. There was a discussion on the lack of work for Wardens.</p>	
9	<p>NEXT MEETING The next meeting of the committee will take place on 23 May 2017 commencing at 6.30pm in the office.</p> <p>There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1935 hours..</p>	

Chairman

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