

**LONDON COLNEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE HELD IN THE**  
**CALEDON COMMUNITY CENTRE, CALEDON ROAD ON TUESDAY 31 January 2017**

<b>MINUTE NO.</b>	<b>DETAIL</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
	<p><b>PRESENT.</b>  Councillors A Osborne (Chair), D Gordon; N Mahoney</p> <p>with J Barker, Mary Crouch and B Lang.</p> <p><b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>  Councillor H Pakenham, Judy Barker, May Crouch and Nicky Wilcox,  Affinity Water plus Mrs Irene Casper, Clerk</p>	
1	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>J Barker declared a non-pecuniary interest as she rents two allotment plots from LCPC</p>	
2	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor M MacMillan</p>	
3.	<p><b>MINUTES</b></p> <p>The minutes of the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee meeting of 22 November 2016 which had been previously circulated were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.</p>	
4	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</b></p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>	
5.	<p><b>AFFINITY WATER – WATER SAVING PROGRAMME</b></p> <p>Affinity Water, who superseded Veolia in 2012, are introducing a compulsory metering programme and meters will be read from passing cars – there will be no fear of bogus callers.</p>	

	<p>Councillor Mahoney asked why we are so slow in installing meters. Nicky Wilcox said that across the county about 50% have been installed so far.</p> <p>Councillor Gordon said she imagined there would be winners and losers and she would be interested in feedback. Nicky said that they were aware of concerns but as yet there was no feedback. Councillor Gordon then asked why better use is not made of surface water. Nicky said that they have no responsibility for surface water, but some goes to aquifers and some to the river, then being used by Thames Water.</p> <p>Many more questions were asked by members and responses given. The Chairman thanked the Affinity Water reps. for their attendance.</p>	
6	<p><b>ALLOTMENTS</b></p> <p>a) There is a dilapidated greenhouse on an allotment which has been vacated by the tenant. Removal of the greenhouse will be expensive and it was agreed to seek recompense from the former tenant, if necessary through the Small Claims Court.</p> <p>A skip will be hired and our own grounds staff will remove the greenhouse, following which an itemised bill will be sent to the former tenant prior to any recovery action being taken. In future a deposit of £50 will be taken from new allotment tenants and this will be refundable upon vacating the allotment and leaving it in a tidy state.</p> <p>b) The three monthly inspection of the allotments is due and dates will be arranged.</p> <p>c) Glebe allotments – fencing has settled down into the ground.</p>	
7	<p><b>LITTER STRATEGY</b></p> <p>It was agreed</p> <p>a) To remove dog waste bins as SADC no longer use dedicated bins. They could be replaced with general litter bins.</p> <p>b) E mail complaint. The complainant could be invited to litter pick and be told that we have an Environment Committee which he/she could join.</p> <p>c) Councillor Pakenham will visit McDonalds with the Clerk to discuss litter. Will 'phone first to ensure a Manager is available.</p> <p>d) Litter Blitz. The next litter blitz will be on Saturday 11 March between 10am and midday. The areas to be targeted will be decided and local residents of those areas invited to join in.</p>	
8	<p><b>COOPERS WOOD</b></p> <p><b>Coopers Wood Board</b></p> <p>It was agreed to make two drafts for the board, one with photos in each corner and one with photos down the right-hand side.</p>	

<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>MANAGEMENT OF TREES ON PARISH LAND</b>  The frequency of tree surveys was discussed and the date of the next survey is required for the next meeting, together with an update on strategy and a note from the Grounds Manager of the locations of trees on Council property for the next Environment Committee.  The next meeting will be on a Wednesday at for that clarification on what elements of tree maintenance can be undertaken by our own staff.</p>	
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>FLOOD WARDENS</b>  SADC Flood Wardens' Handbook was reviewed and it was agreed to publicise it in the house magazine.  The possibility of a door – to – door survey was considered.  We do have 4 or 5 flood wardens but it was agreed to advertise for both flood wardens and tree wardens and to place this on the agendas of both Council and Environment Committee meetings.  Councillor Gordon suggested appointing non-members to this committee.</p>	
<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>NEXT MEETING</b>  The next meeting of the committee will take place on 29 March 2017 commencing at 6.30pm in the office.   There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8pm.</p>	

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**Chairman .....**