

LONDON COLNEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT & NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY ON TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2021, 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillors H Pakenham (Chair), L Winstone, Mr A Osborne, Mrs Barker

IN ATTENDANCE: E Payne, Clerk

The meeting was not quorate with only two Members present, therefore the meeting proceeded as a working party, with all decisions to be ratified by Council.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Mahony (health). Cllr Mortuza was absent.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mrs Barker declared a personal, pecuniary interest in item 8 as an allotment tenant.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2020 were approved as a true record of the meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

4.1 Dog Fouling on Parish Council Controlled Land

Members were advised that the Clerk had extended the date for submissions for the evidence base submissions, until the end of February 2021. She will report to a future meeting.

4.2 Eco Audits

Members were asked to consider this under item 7.

4.3 Tree Survey

Members were advised that the Clerk had not progressed this matter.

4.4 Flowerbed Sponsorship

Members were advised that the Clerk had not progressed this matter.

5. BARNET ROAD BRIDGE REPAIRS

Members received a report outlining the request from George Osborne Ltd, the contractor appointed by Herts Highways, to undertake the bridge repairs, to locate a welfare facility in the car park at St Peter's Car Park. The Clerk reported that she had met with the contractor on site and they had explained the nature of the request. The Clerk had also liaised with the Parochial Church Council at St Peter's to advise them of the proposal. The Clerk explained that the works would be undertaken during the summer, when the water level is lower. The river would be dammed with the water pumped through the bridge, which would enable the foundations to be repaired.

Members considered the report and raised some matters relating wildlife and sound levels for the generator operating the pumps which will be passed back to the contractor. Members considered that repairs and cleaning of the railings should be included in the scheme and the Clerk will ascertain if this is planned. The Clerk suggested that there

should be an article in the June edition of the newsletter advising residents of the project. It was **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL** that:

George Osborne Ltd is granted a temporary licence for the use of an area of St Peter's Car Park for the period of 10 weeks, at a date to be determined.

6. MEMORIAL BENCH APPLICATION

Members received a report on a request for a Memorial bench at Lowbell Lake. It was **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL** that:

The Application for a Memorial Bench at Lowbell Lake is approved.

7. CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

Members received a report outlining a proposed Environmental Policy to be adopted by the Council and a proposal to draft a Climate Change and Biodiversity Action Plan.

Members considered the recommendation and considered that a basic plan with targets that were SMART would be the preferred option. Members were asked to contact the Clerk will suggestions for items for inclusion in the draft plan, to be considered at the next meeting. It was **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUCNIL** that:

- a) ***The Environmental Policy outlined in the report is adopted by Council.***
- b) ***A Climate Change and Biodiversity Action Plan, working in conjunction with Herts County Council and St Albans District Council, is drafted for consideration at the next meeting.***

8. ALLOTMENTS

Members received a report outlining proposed changes to the allotment tenancy agreement. These amendments had been incorporated following training that the Administration Officer had recently undertaken. It was **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL** that:

The amended allotment tenancy agreement is adopted for use from 1 April 2021.

Mrs. Barker declared a personal interest in item 7 as an allotment tenant.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 13 April 2021

The meeting closed at 1935.

Signed

Date