

# LYMM PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Lymm Parish Council's ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7pm held in Lymm Village Hall

**Councillors:**

- \* Cllr Johnstone (Chairman)
- \* Cllr East
- \* Cllr Selwood
- \* Cllr Martland
- \* Cllr Stansfield
- Cllr Towndrow

**Also in attendance:**

- Kerry Duffin (Clerk)
- Paul Urmston (Environment Manager)
- Lesley Coates (Environment Warden)
- Mark Beddingfield (Environment Warden)

### 1. Welcome, Introductions and Housekeeping

The meeting opened at 7pm and thanks were given to the Chairman of the Working Group, Chris Wakefield.

### 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Towndrow and Tim Baker, Warrington Borough Council's ranger for Lymm.

### 3. Code of Conduct – Declaration of Interest

Members were reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal interest or prejudicial interest that they may have had in any item of business on the agenda no later than when the item was reached.

### 4. Public participation

Several members of public were present as well as two volunteers to update on group activity.

An update was given on the solar farm project.

LEAF activities were mentioned including the up and coming events which will be shared by the Parish Council.

A question was put to the Committee regarding sustainable transport links in Lymm. The question will be emailed to the Clerk for inclusion on the next agenda.

It was raised that Sutch Lane is impassable for pedestrians and cyclists and needs attention.

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## 5. Updates

### 5.1. Footpath Wardens

An update was provided by the lead warden including the fallen trees and blocked routes. **RECOMMENDATION:** Set up a working group to ensure all routes / public rights of way are registered by the 2026 deadline including the current volunteers, Cllrs Stansfield, Selwood, the PROW officer from Warrington Borough Council. Clerk to ask WBC for large maps.

### 5.2. Keep Lymm Kleen

The lead gave an update including individual litter pickers and the need to look at the usage of the additional bins provided by the parish council. Once the paperwork has been completed and signed, group picks can restart. The skip at Sow Brook is attracting fly tipping. Clerk to follow up with UU.

### 5.3. The Environment Team

The new warden – Mark Beddingfield – was introduced.

The Environment Manager updated the Committee on the increase of fly tipping, the delay with new equipment and dog fouling that impacts on strimming areas. The letters now being sent to residents regarding overhanging hedges were also raised. The team's instagram account is Lymmparish.

Clerk to share a social media post about residents dealing with hedges before nesting season. Surplus Instagram accounts to be deleted.

### 5.4. Lymm in Bloom

The report included news that the group also received another gold award for Lymm in Bloom. Thanks were given to Ben Selwood and all the volunteers. The group has its AGM soon and is preparing for summer. In future, the Environment Team will liaise with Lymm in Bloom to support planting bulbs across the village.

## 6. Discussion of approved recommendations from Full Council

### 6.1. Disband the working group

This has been completed with all members being emailed and thanked for their input and successes.

### 6.2. New notice board for environmental notices

Clerk is in discussion with Sainsburys about replacing the external notice board for a double-sided notice board, one side which will be lockable.

### 6.3. Committees and Lead Councillors to develop a system for considering climate for every decision

This piece of work is still in progress.

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## 6.4. New project ideas for 2022-23

Consultation will take place once the current projects have been completed and there is capacity within the team.

## 6.5. Environmental Projects to be prioritised

Current projects are getting Keep Lymm Kleen set up and handed over to the lead volunteer, signage in the village and the traffic sensors. Cllr Johnstone to restart the signage group.

## 6.6. Review of the Environment Strategy using NALC report

Pending action - at the next meeting.

## 7. Items for next meeting

Add the question from the public open forum.  
Sunken garden update.

## 8. Date of next meeting

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022, 7pm in the village hall.

## ACTIONS:

ITEM	ACTION	WHO RESPONSIBLE
4	Share LEAF events	Clerk
4	Resident to share FOI question for the next committee meeting	Resident / Clerk
4	Speak to PROW officer about Sutch Lane	Clerk
5.1	Set up PROW working group	Clerk
5.1	Ask WBC for large printed maps	Clerk
5.2	Contact UU about skip at Sow Brook	Clerk
5.3	Follow up CCTV at Davies Way car park	Clerk
5.3	Sort instagram accounts	Clerk
6.5	Restart the signage group	Cllr Johnstone