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**Minutes of Lymm Parish Council’s ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
held on 5th September 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)**

32. Welcome, Introductions and Housekeeping

The meeting opened at 7pm.

33. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Towndrow and Stansfield.

34. 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.

35. Public open forum

No members of the public were in attendance.

36. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting on 24th May 2022 were approved and signed as an accurate record.

37. Update on previous actions

| ITEM | ACTION | WHO RESPONSIBLE | UPDATE |
|------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| 5.1 | Set up PROW working group | Clerk | Completed |
| 5.1 | Ask WBC for large, printed maps | Clerk to ask the PROW officer | Clerk to chase up with other officers |
| 6.5 | Restart the signage group | Cllr Johnstone | Pending |
| 17 | Recalculate LPC carbon footprint | Clerk | Started the process with Richard Pearce. Results to follow. |

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| 18 | Notice board recommendations and costs to be taken to Full Council | Clerk | On the September agenda |
| 19 | Lower Dam planter – raise with WBC for repair before Platinum Jubilee celebrations and take to Full Council | Clerk | Still gathering 3 quotes |
| 24 | Inform Environment Team of fly tipping on Millers Lane | Clerk | Completed – mattress removed |
| 29 | Set up a meeting with the local badgers trust for Councillors and residents to learn how to get involved and what action can be taken to protect and raise awareness of badgers. | Clerk | Pending confirmation of a date from the group |

38. Updates from partners and working groups

38.1. Warrington Borough Council’s Ranger services

No update.

38.2. Footpath wardens

No update.

38.3. Lymm in Bloom

The result of the In Bloom application is still pending. The wildflower meadow is receiving lots of positive feedback. There will be a change of personnel and core roles however Cllr Selwood will continue to provide the updates at the Committee meetings.

38.4. Keep Lymm Kleen

No update.

38.5. Traffic Sensors Working Group

The item is on the agenda for later in the meeting.

38.6. PROW working group

The first few meetings have been positive, with three footpaths being looked at – Dyers Lane, Whiteleggs Lane and Heatley Mere. Sutch Lane is due to be resurfaced this month. Clerk to ask the Environment Team to ensure it stays clear.

38.7. Lymm Parish Council’s Environment Team

A funding application has been submitted for spring bulbs. Staff appraisals have been completed with one officer looking at gathering useful data to share with the public (weight of cleared leaves, number of cleared fly-tipped fridge freezers etc).

39. Insurance Claim

Following the damage to the narrow boat caused by the Environment Warden whilst strimming and the insurance company refusing to pay the repairs, the

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Environment Committee **RECOMMENDATION** is for the Parish Council to pay the £97.50 + VAT to the narrowboat owner as a “full and final settlement” with no further recourse to any additional costs. The excess on the policy is £100.

The insurance policy review following the Resources Committee will ensure the correct policy is in place.

40. SLA from Warrington Borough Council for the public convenience at Lymm Dam

Clerk to contact the Warrington Borough Council officer to amend the areas to be covered and the forecast costs. Costs to be brought to the next appropriate meeting.

Key code to be changed regularly.

41. Traffic Sensor Working Group update

RECOMMENDATION: The three remaining devices to be installed at any location around the village, not just the streets detailed in the first phases. The data from the devices can then be considered.

42. Speed Indicator Device (SID) repairs

RECOMMENDATION: To pay the £100 + VAT for repairs for the mobile device. The mobile speed indicator device that records the number of vehicles (not types) and speeds is faulty. An inspection at a cost of £75+VAT has identified that there is £100 + VAT of repairs. This device offers a different purpose to the TELRAAM devices.

- The top yellow border has been snapped off through vandalism
- There is a power connection problem between the batteries and the base unit
- The clamps are no longer tight to the battery terminals
- There is corrosion on all 4 push clamps.

43. Sewage reports

Resident to be contacted about getting in touch with the local press and the MP. Clerk to look for a power to potentially pay for monthly water inspections and source a potential company to carry them out following the sewage leaks in Slitten Brook.

44. Staff Appraisals follow up

RECOMMENDATION: Clerk to manage an annual budget of £500 to replace or repair broken equipment reducing the waiting time for a Council decision.

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45. Items for next meeting

46. Date of next meeting

15th November 2022, at 7pm in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

FUTURE ACTIONS:

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| 38.6 | Ask Environment Team to monitor Sutch Lane | Clerk |
| 39 | Insurance Claim recommendation to Full Council | Clerk |
| 40 | Toilet SLA update with WBC | Clerk |
| 41 | Sensor recommendation to Full Council | Clerk |
| 42 | SID repair recommendation to Full Council | Clerk |
| 43 | Look for a power to test water at Sitten Brook | Clerk |
| 44 | Environment Team budget recommendation to Full Council | Clerk |