

# LYMM PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Lymm Parish Council’s ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 at 7.30pm held in Lymm Village Hall

- Councillors:**
- \* Cllr Johnstone (Chairman)
  - \* Cllr East
  - \* Cllr Selwood (arrived at 8.25)
  - \* Cllr Martland
  - \* Cllr Stansfield
  - \* Cllr Towndrow

**Also in attendance:** Kerry Duffin (Clerk)  
Paul Urmston (Environment Manager)  
Tim Baker (Warrington Borough Council)

### 47. Welcome, Introductions and Housekeeping

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

### 48. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Selwood arrived late due to attending Lymm in Bloom’s AGM.

### 49. 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.

### 50. Public open forum

Two members of the public were in attendance. An update was provided on LEAF activities.

### 51. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 were approved and signed as an accurate record.

### 52. Update on previous actions

ITEM	ACTION	WHO RESPONSIBLE	UPDATE
5.1	Ask WBC for large, printed maps	Clerk to ask the PROW officer	Pending
6.5	Restart the signage group	Cllr Johnstone	Pending decision of projects and 23-24 budgets

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17	Recalculate LPC carbon footprint	Clerk	Pending meeting on 8 <sup>th</sup> March with Richard Pearce
18	Notice board recommendations and costs to be taken to Full Council	Clerk	Approved – planning application submitted
19	Lower Dam planter – raise with WBC for repair before Platinum Jubilee celebrations and take to Full Council	Clerk	Completed
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	Completed. Council to consider a follow up meeting.
38.6	Ask Environment Team to monitor Sutch Lane	Clerk	Completed.
39	Insurance Claim recommendation to Full Council	Clerk	Completed.
40	Toilet SLA update with WBC	Clerk	On the agenda.
41	Sensor recommendation to Full Council	Clerk	On the agenda.
42	SID repair recommendation to Full Council	Clerk	Completed.
43	Look for a power to test water at Slitten Brook	Clerk	Pending.
44	Environment Team budget recommendation to Full Council	Clerk	Completed.

## 53. Updates from partners and working groups

### 53.1. Warrington Borough Council’s Ranger services

An update included work on the Trans Pennine Trail resurfacing, Lymm Dam, Slitten Brook, the bench at Sow Brook, footpath inspections and the ranger’s hut being painted.

### 53.2. Footpath wardens

An email update included ongoing issues at Heatley Mere and the next meeting of the Rights of Way Forum at Warrington Town Hall on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

### 53.3. Lymm in Bloom

A written report was provided and circulated in advance. The AGM was held tonight. Cllr Towndrow to liaise with Lymm in Bloom regarding the Sunken Gardens.

### 53.4. Keep Lymm Kleen

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Council considering an organised pick to support The Big Help Out and prepare for the Coronation. Clerk to follow up with the lead about the need for future work from the group.

**53.5. Traffic Sensors Working Group**

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

**53.6. PROW working group**

There is an ongoing issue with Heatley Mere and future footpath support to follow once the application has been submitted.

**53.7. Lymm Parish Council's Environment Team**

Environment Manager, Paul Urmston, provided an update on the team's work including the Instagram account. Clerk to review posting these to local Facebook groups. Fly tipping at Davies Way car park has continued to be an issue (CCTV quote to be followed up in April).

Thanks were given to the Environment Team for their fabulous work and contribution to a clean and tidy village.

**53.8. Allotments**

Issues with a hedgerow on the Star Lane site has created a lot of communication and Committee **RECOMMENDATIONS** are to write to the:

- Developers
- Enforcement at Warrington Borough Council to request an update on the remedies being agreed
- Joint Parish & Borough Councillors to raise a motion at a Borough Council meeting about the consistent ignoring of conditions by developers.

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

Awaiting receipt of updated costs from WBC officer.

**55. Traffic Sensor update**

A draft Terms of Reference will be tabled at the March meeting for the next phase of the project. The first phase has been completed, with six month's worth of data now available.

**56. Welcome to Lymm sign**

An update was provided. Officers are still awaiting the costs for a replacement sign. The insurance company has accepted the claim in principle but requires further information. The excess is £100.

**57. Red bin renewal**

**RECOMMENDATION:** All red bins installed for increased volunteer litter picks during COVID to be removed. Budget to be used for alternative litter issues such

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as paper cup recycling. Red bin at hall to be increased from fortnightly to weekly collections.

Ranger to forward images of bins to Clerk.

## 58. Ridgway Grundy bench

The £1500 budget will not meet all the costs for the purchase and installation of a new bench which would comply with DDA. **RECOMMENDATION:** Budget to be reallocated to another project.

## 59. Clock update

The new clock has been ordered. Replacement will commence once the new clock has arrived and the installation has been planned.

## 60. Village toilet usage scheme

Clerk to contact Stockton Heath Clerk about their scheme.

Cllr Sharma to follow up with local businesses (and potential water bottle refill scheme).

## 61. Wildflowers 2023

**RECOMMENDATION:** To have the same patch of grass in Ridgeway Grundy wildflower seeded again.

## 62. Bus stops

Clerk to follow up with the resident and the Borough Council officer about planned replacements and current options for bus stops in Lymm.

## 63. Air quality meeting

Cllr East will attend. Another Councillor to be decided at Full Council.

## 64. Items for next meeting

- 64.1. Canal side lights
- 64.2. Growers Day

## 65. Date of next meeting

16<sup>th</sup> May 2023, at 7.30pm in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

## FUTURE ACTIONS:

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53.3	Lymm in Bloom – Sunken Gardens plans	Cllr Towndrow
53.4	Keep Lymm Kleen – future of group and Big Help Out group pick	Clerk
53.7	Environment Team before/after shots onto Facebook	Clerk
55	Draft Terms of Reference for Phase 2 of traffic sensors	Cllr Towndrow / Clerk
57	Picture of overflowing bins to be shared with the Clerk	Tim Baker
60	Contact Stockton Heath clerk – toilet usage scheme information	Clerk
60	Follow up toilet usage scheme idea with local businesses (and potential water bottle refill scheme)	Cllr Sharma
62	Bus stop meeting with WBC	Clerk
63	Air quality meeting – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Councillor to be decided at Full Council	Clerk