Minutes of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE meeting of LYMM PARISH COUNCIL held on Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 7.30pm in Lymm Village Hall

In attendance: * Cllr Johnstone (Chair)

* Cllr East* Cllr Oakley

* Cllr Selwood (arrived at 9.10pm)

* Cllr Stansfield* Cllr Towndrow

* Denotes attendance

Also in attendance: Kerry Duffin, Clerk to the Council

Tim Baker, Warrington Borough Council

EN1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

EN2. Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

EN3. Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interests

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

EN4. Public Participation

No members of the public were in attendance.

EN5. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

RESOLVED: Minutes of the meeting on 1st March 2023 were approved as an accurate representation and signed by the Chair.

EN6. Update on previous actions:

ITEM	ACTION	WHO	UPDATE
		RESPONSIBLE	
5.1	Ask WBC for large, printed maps	Clerk to ask the	Asked again at a meeting
		PROW officer	on 16/5/23
6.5	Restart the signage group	Cllr Johnstone	Pending discussion of poll
			results
17	Recalculate LPC carbon footprint	Clerk	Pending response re:
			waste collected by
			Environment Team
43	Look for a power to test water	Clerk	An appropriate power has
	quality at Slitten Brook		been sourced – add to the
			next agenda

53.3	Lymm in Bloom – Sunken Gardens	Cllr Towndrow	Pending response re: tree
	plans		work
53.4	Keep Lymm Kleen – future of group	Clerk	On next agenda
	and Big Help Out group pick		
53.7	Environment Team before/after	Clerk	Pending start of new
	shots onto Facebook		Admin Assistant
55	Draft Terms of Reference for Phase 2	Cllr Towndrow /	Completed and removed
	of traffic sensors	Clerk	
57	Picture of overflowing bins to be	Tim Baker	Pending
	shared with the Clerk		
60	Contact Stockton Heath clerk – toilet	Clerk	Completed and response
	usage scheme information		below
60	Follow up toilet usage scheme idea	Cllr Sharma	On the agenda for the
	with local businesses (and potential		Business Liaison meeting
	water bottle refill scheme)		
62	Bus stop meeting with WBC	Clerk	On this agenda
63	Air quality meeting – 2 nd Councillor	Clerk	No Councillor decided
	to be decided at Full Council		

EN7. Updates from partners and working groups including:

a) Warrington Borough Council Ranger Services

Update provided regarding the ranger's activity across Lymm since the last meeting including new hogweed locations. Clerk to make a social media post about reporting and not treating giant hogweed.

b) Footpath Wardens

No update was made.

c) Lymm in Bloom

Full report will be shared with Councillors after the meeting.

d) Keep Lymm Kleen

Group pick for the Big Help Out was very successful however none of the pickers were from the group. There was a lot of interest to do more group picks.

e) Sensor working group

The new group will meet in June.

f) Public Rights of Way (PROW) working group

The group hasn't met since the last Committee meeting but will meet again soon, focusing on Heatley.

g) Allotments

Added to Full Council agenda.

h) Lymm Parish Council's Environment Team

Updates were provided on:

EN8. Damaged Welcome to Lymm sign

The insurers have agreed to pay out the cost of replacing the sign, with the £100 excess charges.

EN9. Village Clock

The clock has arrived and will be installed once Chia has had its opening nights.

EN10. Village toilet usage scheme

Stockton Heath no longer has a scheme as it was onerous to manage.

The item will be added to the Business Liaison meeting agenda.

EN11. Air Quality Symposium

Cllr East was unable to attend. Clerk to ask for written follow up.

EN12. Star Lane allotment hedgerow

A response from the developer and WBC have been received and the Clerk will follow up with an email to all plot holders.

EN13. Paper cup recycling scheme

Further information will be sought regarding the scheme at McDonalds.

EN14. Noticeboard at The Cross

Planning application has been submitted and are awaiting a response.

EN15. Tree work at The Cross

Planning approval has been received and the work completed.

EN16. Bus stops

Parish Council will wait until the new bus shelters have been installed and have further discussion once the new ones have been seen.

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New items to be considered:

EN17. Canal side lights

Cllr Johnstone to speak to Cllr Barr.

EN18. Hanging baskets

Cllrs to look at the Lymm and other floral baskets and bring their views to the next Committee meeting. Clerk also to enquire what other Councils do.

EN19. Grower's Day

RESOLVED: Committee recommends not holding the event until there is more capacity, potentially in 2024.

EN20. CPRE – National Hedgerow Week

Clerk shared the details of the mapping exercise and these have also been shared on social media.

EN21. Environment Committee – Climate document

Clerk to share the Planning Committee document for discussion at the next Committee meeting.

EN22. Items for next meeting

- I. The purchase and installation of an additional bin by the benches at The Cross near the Sunken Gardens.
- II. Renaming of the Sunken Gardens in memory of Peter Powell.
- III. Sign at the steps to the dingle update required.

EN23. Date of next meeting

18th July 2023 at 7.30pm

Apologies have been received in advance from Cllr Stansfield.

EN24. Actions from the meeting:

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43	Look for a power to test water quality at Slitten	Clerk
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	businesses (and potential water bottle refill	
	scheme)	
EN7A	Make a social media post about reporting giant	Clerk
	hogweed	
EN11	Air quality symposium – follow up report from	Clerk
	the meeting	
EN12	Contact all Star Lane tenants with an update on	Clerk
	the hedgerow	
EN13	Follow up cup recycling scheme at McDonalds	Clerk
EN17	Canal side lights follow up	Cllr Johnstone
EN18	View the hanging baskets and bring comments to	All Councillors
	the next Committee.	
	Enquire what other Councils do	Clerk
EN21	Share the Planning Committee climate emergency	Clerk
	document and add the item to the next agenda	