

Minutes of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE meeting of LYMM PARISH COUNCIL held on Tuesday 18th July 2023 at 7.30pm in Lymm Village Hall

In attendance:

- * Cllr Johnstone (Chair)
- * Cllr East
- * Cllr Oakley
- * Cllr Selwood (left at 9pm)
- * Cllr Stansfield
- * Cllr Towndrow

* Denotes attendance

Also in attendance:

Kerry Duffin, Clerk to the Council
Paul Urmston, Environment Manager, Lymm Parish Council
Tim Baker, Warrington Borough Council
Dave Vasey, Warrington Borough Council
Stuart (surname tbc), Warrington Borough Council
Jenny +1, Lymm in Bloom
Ray Banton, LEAF

EN25. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

EN26. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Sue, re: Lymm Footpaths.

EN27. Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interests

- a) 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.
- b) Members were reminded of the Code of Conduct and the Nolan Principles.

EN28. Public Participation

No residents raised any questions.

Agenda item 7 was taken at this point.

EN29. Gulley Update

Two Warrington Borough Council officers presented on the Borough Council's gully clearing equipment and the process for prioritisation. Parish Council to look at how to set up a group to support the Borough Council to capitalise on the resources for improving Lymm's roads and gullies. Any information for the Borough Council should include a road name and a house number / lamppost number.

EN30. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

RESOLVED: Minutes of the meeting on 16th May 2023 were approved as an accurate representation and signed by the Chair.

EN31. Update on previous actions:

ITEM	ACTION	WHO RESPONSIBLE	UPDATE
5.1	Follow up WBC for large, printed maps	Clerk	Some maps were delivered in the morning with more to follow.
6.5	Restart the signage group – PENDING	Cllr Johnstone	Pending
17	LPC carbon footprint	Clerk	On the agenda
43	Look for a power to test water quality at Slitten Brook	Clerk	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/16/section/40
53.3	Lymm in Bloom – Sunken Gardens plans	Cllr Towndrow	Pending
53.4	Keep Lymm Kleen – future of group and Big Help Out group pick	Clerk	Another email to be sent with the option of joining a future gully watch group
53.7	Environment Team before/after shots onto Facebook	Clerk	Completed - remove
57	Picture of overflowing bins to be shared with the Clerk	Tim Baker	Pending
60	Follow up toilet usage scheme idea with local businesses (and potential water bottle refill scheme)	Cllr Sharma	Approved at Full Council -will be taken back to the Business Liaison meeting
EN7A	Make a social media post about reporting giant hogweed	Clerk	Completed - remove
EN11	Air quality symposium – follow up report from the meeting	Clerk	Chased – will chase again
EN12	Contact all Star Lane tenants with an update on the hedgerow	Clerk	Completed – remove
EN13	Follow up cup recycling scheme at McDonalds	Clerk	Pending
EN17	Canal side lights follow up	Cllr Johnstone	Pending
EN18	View the hanging baskets and bring comments to the next Committee. Enquire what other Councils do	All Councillors Clerk	Meet with E.Smith & Sons in Sept and Lymm in Bloom Make enquiries
EN21	Share the Planning Committee climate emergency document and add the item to the next agenda	Clerk	Shared and on the agenda

EN32. 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 fallen trees at Sow Brook that damaged power lines, Trans Pennine Trail (TPT) resurfacing, painting of the cabin on the TPT, memorial benches, May Queen field bollards, a meeting with the probation team regarding volunteering tasks, angling club and floating islands at the Dam.

b) Footpath Wardens

An update was emailed clarifying that there are no issues but the Heatley application has taken priority.

c) Lymm in Bloom

An update was made including the use of wool in a new compost to improve water retention.

d) Keep Lymm Kleen

No update was made. An email to be sent about volunteers being involved in a gully monitoring group.

e) Sensor working group

The group has met twice and is looking at options for Lymm. A document has already been shared with Warrington Borough Council officers however the document and its contents have yet to be tabled and approved by the Parish Council.

f) Public Rights of Way (PROW) working group

The application for Heatley is going to be submitted in the next few days.

g) Allotments

A grant application has been submitted for funding to purchase water containers for the allotments.

h) Lymm Parish Council's Environment Team

Paul provided an update on recent activity on the current 8 week plan. Allotments and play areas have been cleared and tidied.

i) LEAF

An update was made including activity for the year including events and training. A new website is now live and will be shared by the Parish Council. The AGM is on 27th September 2023. Venue and time to be confirmed.

Updates were provided on:

EN33. Damaged Welcome to Lymm sign

The insurers are not agreeing to pay out the full cost of replacing the sign. Clerk is following up with the insurance brokers.

EN34. Village Clock

Another electrician has been to quote for installing the clock.

EN35. Carbon Neutral Parish Council**

The final calculation for the Parish Council's carbon footprint has been completed showing emissions of 118,241 kgs of CO2 equivalent.

This can be offset through the planting of 250 pinus patula trees in Usambara Biodiversity Conservation project in Tanzania at a cost of 375 Euros would offset 200,000 kgs of CO2. Planting trees at this project not only manages the trees but the project preserves biodiversity in the Eastern Arc Mountains rain forest. Additionally, key issues addressed are reversing the serious deforestation around Forest Nature Reserve, a critical need for woods and construction materials, the need for environmental conservation education, and extreme poverty alleviation through agroforestry.

Budget for the trees to be reviewed after quarter 2's finances have been updated.

New items considered:

EN36. Environment Committee climate document

Transfer to next meeting.

EN37. Albany Road footpath

An update was received. No further action to be taken.

EN38. Sandy Lane Play Area

Issue to be part of a consultation following elections.

EN39. Graffiti in Lymm

Issues to be forwarded to the owners of the property that has been graffitied.

EN40. Speed Indicator Devices (SID) batteries

The £150 for 2 new batteries to be reviewed after quarter 2's finances have been updated.

EN41. Replacement of the sign at the dingle steps

The £200 + VAT for a replacement sign to be reviewed after quarter 2's finances have been updated.

EN42. 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.

EN43. Date of next meeting

19th September 2023 at 7.30pm

Actions from the meeting:

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43	Add water testing at Slitten Brook to the next meeting	Clerk
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EN29	Gulley reporting volunteer group to be looked into for a future agenda	Clerk
EN32	LEAF – share website details	Clerk
EN33	Follow up with insurance broker re: welcome to Lymm sign	Clerk
EN34	Update again following the meeting with the electrician	Clerk
EN35	Add Carbon Footprint trees to the next agenda	Clerk
EN36	Add Environment Committee climate document to next agenda	Clerk
EN40	Add costs for Speed Indicator Devices (SID) batteries to next relevant agenda	Clerk
EN41	Add costs for replacement sign at the dingle steps to next relevant agenda	Clerk

The meeting ended at 9.55pm