

**Minutes of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE meeting of LYMM PARISH COUNCIL held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.30pm in Lymm Village Hall**

- In attendance:
- \* Cllr Johnstone (Chair)
  - \* Cllr East
  - Cllr Oakley
  - Cllr Selwood
  - \* Cllr Stansfield
  - \* Cllr Towndrow
  
  - \* Denotes attendance

Also in attendance: Kerry Duffin, Clerk to the Council  
 Paul Urmston, Environment Manager, Lymm Parish Council  
 Sue Nixon, Footpath Warden  
 James Hurrell, Lymm in Bloom

**EN68 Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

**EN69 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Selwood and Oakley.

**EN70 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.

**EN71 Public Open Forum**

Two residents raised questions concerning Heatley Mere and the public access and then left the meeting.

**EN72 Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes**

**RESOLVED:** Minutes of the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were approved as an accurate representation and signed by the Chair.

**EN73 Update on previous actions:**

ITEM	ACTION	WHO RESPONSIBLE	UPDATE
5.1	Follow up WBC for large, printed maps	Clerk	Request further maps if required. Remove.
6.5	Restart the signage group – PENDING	Cllr Johnstone	
EN11	Air quality symposium – follow up report from the meeting and share new meeting date once arrives	Clerk	Awaiting an update
EN13	Follow up cup recycling scheme at McDonalds	Clerk	The company they use for collections only service

			McDonalds and collect McDonalds branded items.
EN17	Canal side lights – cost alternative schemes	Clerk	One quote received. Pending further quotes.  Call from WBC lighting department – a resident has complained about the broken lights.
EN35	Add Carbon Footprint trees to the next relevant agenda	Clerk	Will be added to the next meeting agenda
EN40	Add costs for Speed Indicator Devices (SID) batteries to next relevant agenda	Clerk	Will be added to the next meeting agenda
EN41	Add costs for replacement sign at the dingle steps to next relevant agenda	Clerk	Will be added to the next meeting agenda
EN50	Keep Lymm Kleen – email to arrange a group pick for October and gauge interest in gulley watch	Clerk	Litter pick and gulley watch on hold until after recruitment
EN50	PROW group – what is the update re: Heatley application	Clerk	The PROW officer will work on the applications in the New Year
EN50	Allotment – padlocks / keys for gates	Environment Team	Tenant attended the Full Council meeting on 14 <sup>th</sup> November.
EN51	Chase gulley presentation from WBC	Clerk	Received. Remove.
EN54	Ask other parishes about water testing	Clerk	No other Clerks responded positively and added that they use the Environment Agency.
EN57	Forward Environment Committee climate document to next agenda	Clerk	On this agenda. Remove.
EN63	Attempt to remove graffiti on the memorial at The Cross	Environment Team	Attempts were unsuccessful.
EN64	Report broken lights on The Cross to WBC	Clerk	Reported. The lights are not WBCs so will not be repaired by them. They are, however, sending a quote for repair but will not have the capacity to repair them until the New Year.

#### **EN74 Biodiversity Duty**

Lymm Parish Council has a duty, by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024, to:

- a. Consider what the Parish Council can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity
- b. Agree to a set of policies and specific objectives
- c. Act to deliver the policies and meet the objectives.

Papers presented in advance to prepare for the meeting included:

- SLCC’s Environmental Planning Guidance for Local Councils
- SLCC’s New Government Guidance on Biodiversity
- LPC A Resilient and Green Community
- LPC Complying with the Biodiversity Duty

A planning session took place with partners and volunteer groups recommending ideas to comply with the duty. The results will be turned into a paper and will be presented at a future meeting.

**EN75 Date of next meeting**

A date was not set.

**Actions from the meeting:**

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96.5	Restart the signage group – PENDING	ClIr Johnstone
EN11	Air quality symposium – follow up report from the meeting and share new meeting date once arrives	Clerk
EN17	Canal side lights – cost alternative schemes	Clerk
EN35	Add Carbon Footprint trees to the next relevant agenda	Clerk
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EN74	Table a draft policy and action plan at a future meeting	ClIr Stansfield