



Horsforth Town Council
Environment Committee Minutes
Thursday 9 June 2016 at 7pm

Present:

In Chair: Cllr P Mallott.

Cllr D Collins, Cllr C Cordingley, Cllr S Glover, Cllr R Hardcastle, Cllr D Prater (arrived late), Cllr J Pritlove, Cllr V Wood-Robinson.

In attendance: J Sou – Administration and Finance Assistant.

ENV/16.1 To receive apologies for absence and to consider the reason for absence.

It was proposed by Cllr D Collins, seconded by Cllr R Hardcastle and **resolved that the apologies and reasons for absence be accepted from Cllr M. Boyes and Cllr M Hughes.**

Note: apologies out of hours were received from Cllr R O'Callaghan.

ENV/16.2 Declaration of disposable pecuniary and other interests.

To disclose or draw attention to any disclosable pecuniary interests for the purposes of Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011 and paragraphs 14-19 of the Members' Code of Conduct. Also to declare any other significant interests which the Member wishes to declare in the public interest, in accordance with paragraphs 20-21 of the Members' Code of Conduct.

None.

ENV/16.3 To consider questions and comments from members of the public at the Chairman's discretion.

Members of the public are reminded that this is their opportunity to speak to the meeting on any topic relevant to the work of the Committee. However they may not speak during the remainder of the meeting unless specifically invited to do so by the Chairman.

No members of the public present.

ENV/16.4 Minutes of the previous meeting.

The Committee is asked to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2016.

It was proposed by Cllr V Wood-Robinson, seconded by Cllr J Pritlove and **resolved that the minutes of the meeting on the 3 March 2016 are a true record.**

ENV/16.5 Christmas motifs and trees 2016.

To consider the Christmas motifs and trees for 2016.

A discussion took place regarding the types of Christmas motifs to be ordered, who would be responsible for fitting and insurance, where they were to be situated, how they were to be attached to lampposts and whether consent was required from Leeds City Council to attach them to lampposts.

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Cllr P Mallott volunteered to inspect the hanging basket brackets and to provide the reference numbers of the lampposts which are to be used for Christmas motifs. Cllr D Collins to clarify with Leeds City Council whether their consent is required to put Christmas tree motifs/lights on the lampposts.

ENV/16.6 Ginnels and footpaths in Horsforth.

To receive and consider any updates to ginnels and footpaths in Horsforth. Footpath assessments were received from Cllrs Mallott, Pritlove and Wood-Robinson.

Noted.

A number of footpaths remain to be inspected. Cllr. D. Collins and Cllr. D. Prater volunteered to carry out assessments.

A discussion took place regarding overhanging vegetation on footpaths from neighbouring properties. Cllr D Collins volunteered to find the proper contact from Leeds City Council to deal with enforcement of this issue.

There had been some clearance work to the footpath known locally as “the Roman Road”. A discussion took place regarding the plans for the footpath by Leeds City Council and concerns that its historic character may be affected.

It was proposed by Cllr D Collins, seconded by Cllr R Hardcastle and **resolved that the council office write to Leeds City Council Highways department regarding proposals for the footpath and to the archaeology department at Bradford University for information and advice on the footpath’s historical significance.**

ENV/16.7 Floral displays.

To consider the floral displays 2016.

Two planters on Town Street had not yet been planted up.

There had been no response from Jennie Atkinson of Leeds City Council regarding the proposals to place troughs on the new roundabout.

ENV/16.8 HTC risk assessments.

To consider the completed risk assessments.

Noted.

ENV/16.9 Hall Park toilets.

The toilets were in good order for the Q90 event although they could only be accessed from one side as the gate on the park side had been locked. Their appearance was still not good.

Cllr P Mallott reported that he was waiting to hear from Jennie Atkinson at Leeds City Council with a decision from Property Management regarding a proposal to paint the blue tiles to improve their appearance.

It was suggested that Guy Smithson at Leeds City Council may be a more effective contact point.

ENV/16.10 Fairtrade Town sign.

To consider the updates on the Fairtrade Town sign,

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The new entry sign from Rodley to Horsforth will have the Fairtrade sign. The stanchions of some old signs are being checked and may be replaced with new signs with the Fairtrade sign.

The old signs should be saved and donated to Horsforth Museum.

A discussion took place regarding advertisements on new entry signs. Councillors would prefer to have only the Fairtrade sign. Cllr P Mallott is to raise this with Leeds City Council.

ENV/16.11 Northwest Leeds Country Park & Green Gateways Initiative

To consider the correspondence from Douglas Louis.

Cllr C Cordingley to investigate the Friends of Hall Park group with Julie Wadsworth.

Noted.

ENV/16.12 Electro sensitivity.

Members received a report from Cllr V Wood-Robinson.

Noted.

ENV/16.13 Leeds Bradford Airport

To consider the environmental effects due to airport growth.

Carry forward to the next meeting.

ENV/16.14 Items for future agenda

Leeds Bradford Airport.

ENV/16.15 Date of the next meeting.

The date of the next meeting is 8th September 2016.

Cllr M Boyes, Cllr D Collins, Cllr C Cordingley, Cllr S Glover, Cllr R Hardcastle, Cllr M Hughes, Cllr P Mallott, Cllr R O'Callaghan, Cllr D Prater, Cllr J Pritlove, Cllr V Wood-Robinson.

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