

# Wickersley Parish Council

## Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting Held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 at Wickersley Community Centre

Members: Cllrs: P Beighton (Chair), C Grimes, K Phillips, A Bates

In Attendance: Cllrs: P Beighton (Chair), C Grimes, A Bates  
S Fletcher (Deputy Clerk), John Robinson (Guest)

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 405 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Phillips

### 406 To approve the minutes of the Environment Committee held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

**Resolved:** Minutes after a typo correction on 398 (Grimes) approved and signed as a true record by the Chair.

### 407 To resolve if members of the press and public are to be excluded from any agenda items of the meeting due to the nature of the business to be transacted. Under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1 (2)

There are no exclusions

### 408 To note any matters arising from the meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021

There were no matters arising, items are included on the agenda to progress and update.

### 409 To receive a financial update to September 2021.

Wickersley Parish Council Financial Report to 30/09/2021	As at 30/09/2021	Committed to 31 Mar 2022	Total projected to 31 Mar 2022	Budget 2021-22	Surplus/- Deficit projection to 31 Mar 2022	Comment
<b>Income</b>						
Tanyard Owner - Contribution	0.00		0	4626.00	-4626.00	
<b>Total Environment</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4626.00</b>	<b>-4626.00</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>						
Handypersons materials	595.55		595.55	800.00	-204.45	
Tanyard - refuse collection	1234.90		1234.90	3000.00	-1765.10	
Tanyard toilets - Maintenance	285.28		285.28	1000.00	-714.72	
Tanyard toilets - ground rent	100.00		100.00	100.00	0.00	
Tanyard toilets - warden honorarium	131.25		131.25	525.00	-393.75	
Tanyard toilets - non domestic rates	-1060.38		-1060.38	1100.00	-2160.38	
Tanyard toilets - RMBC water & electricity	261.16		261.16	800.00	-538.84	
Tanyard - rock salt / gritting	0.00		0.00	100.00	-100.00	
Monthly gardening contract	0.00		0.00	9000.00	-9000.00	
Gardening & landscaping work-other	0.00		0.00	3000.00	-3000.00	
Christmas Lights - maintenance	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Environment</b>	<b>1547.76</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1547.76</b>	<b>19425.00</b>	<b>-17877.24</b>	

**Resolved:** Budget figures are approved

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## **410 To consider other issues relating to the environment, to include: -**

### **410.1 To discuss and agree progress for bench refurbishment small project bid**

The deputy Clerk explained that the lead time at present is approximately 12 weeks we have arranged timed delivery for the benefit of the handymen, however, Mick is now leaving which will make it more difficult to accommodate a delivery and fixing. For the benefit of our guest, it was explained that we use a firm who specialise in recycled plastic that reduces maintenance, they are very good quality and well made.

The issue of the small project bid was discussed, and a suggestion made to check with the Clerk which area of the base budget the previous benches had been deducted from and is this sustainable or is it prudent to continue with the small project bid.

**Resolved:** Deputy Clerk to progress

### **410.2 To discuss and agree matters relating to Stephen Shore Garden**

The deputy clerk updated that the tree works quotation has now been received following a very informative meeting with the tree surgeon. He has broken costs down into sections for the 5 trees and will offer a discount if all the works are carried out. It is noted that two of the trees closer to the Masons are subject to a tree preservation order and options were provided for works on the more substantial tree and removal of the dead tree, this is very much dependant on the view of Rotherham MBC trees officer. A meeting to be arranged with Rotherham MBC. Cllr Bates updated that the landlord may assist financially with the tree works.

There remains a minor query on the ownership of the land, parish documentation, some of which dating back to 1975 has revealed they have maintained it as a memorial garden for Stephen Shore and is a focal point of the village, there is however, further investigation required in respect of this with Land Registry.

The project bid will require adjustment for the tree works, they are more than the first submission, it is also considered appropriate for a tree to be planted in Wickersley to replace the dead tree to be taken down. The planting schedule for the first stage will include ground cover to stifle the weeds, litter bins and bollards can be painted with silver trim added to save costs. The chair, volunteered to contact the owner of the 'stones' to explore what timeline he is hoping to work to. Cllr Bates updated that following discussions with a stone mason the stone will fixed on a dais and at an angle to enhance the display with a stainless plaque denoting the commemoration of the Platinum Jubilee. A power supply is to be investigated Cllr Bates to liaise with the deputy clerk for technical information.

**Resolved:** Deputy Clerk to liaise and progress

### **410.3 The gardening and landscape contract**

The deputy clerk updated a letter had been sent to the gardening contractor to raise concerns that maintenance works were behind schedule and specific areas were unkempt and did not appear to have undergone any maintenance for a significant period. The matter was discussed and agreed that the Cllrs Beighton and Grimes would revisit the sites for an up-to-date assessment, report back and the contractor invited to a meeting to discuss any concerns identified and remind him about invoicing.

**Resolved:** Deputy Clerk to liaise and progress

## **411 To Note and agree the suggested meeting dates for 2022**

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Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 - 6.30pm

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - 6.30pm

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022 - 6.30pm

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 -6.30pm

The dates were agreed.

**The meeting closed at 20.15 hours**

**Chairperson**.....

**Date** .....