

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2009

PRESENT: - Councillor G. Hudson in the Chair

Councillors: - J. R. Hardcastle; M. Townsley; D. Collins; C. Cleasby and  
L. Poad

In attendance: - T.Ferry

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

In the absence of Councillor D. Holmes, the Chair of the Environment Committee, Councillor G. Hudson was nominated by Members to take the Chair for this meeting

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D. Holmes; J. Arbuckle; G. Kneeshaw; A. Barker; D. Windsor and Alan Gray.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Referring to item 9 of the agenda regarding the Sustainable Planting around the Cenotaph, Councillor D. Collins declared an interest because of her membership on the Horsforth in Bloom Committee.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the last Environment meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2009 were received and confirmed as being a true and accurate record of the proceedings and were duly signed by the Chair.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Councillor Hudson requested clarification to minute 7, Footpaths at Hunger Hills, and if the £50,000 had already been spent. Mr Ferry informed the Committee that this amount had already been spent.

6. HORSFORTH SCHOOLS COMPETITION

Mr Ferry informed Members that a 2<sup>nd</sup> letter was sent to Schools advising them of the date judging will take place and the reporting procedure by judges arriving at the School. He also reported that only one School, St Margaret's CofE, had informed the Town Council of their participation in the competition. Councillor Townsley reported that Newlathes School are also participating. Members suggested that Mr Ferry call the remainder of Schools to confirm their participation.

Resolved – That Mr Ferry call the Schools who have not responded and enquire if they are participating in the competition.

7. BOUNDARY SIGNS

Mr Ferry advised members that he contacted Mr Merckel of Leeds City Council Highways department to enquire about the installation of the Boundary Signs. Mr Merckel stated that he was aware that the signs have still to be installed and that the installation was imminent. Councillor Hudson reminded members that this was similar to the response the Committee received in June 2008. Members suggested that Mr Ferry should contact Mr Merckel again and pursue this issue.

Resolved – That Mr Ferry contact Mr Merckel to confirm the installation of the Boundary Signs.

8. FOOD REMNANTS OUTSIDE GREGGS BAKERY

Councillor Hardcastle reported that there was no food waste or crumbs on the street when he was in the area last Sunday. Members discussed the possibility of the people living above Greggs Bakery throwing crumbs to feed the birds.

Resolved – That this item be noted.

9. REDUCTION OF BAND CONCERTS IN HALL PARK

Councillor Collins informed Members that there are 3 scheduled band concerts this year and to her knowledge, the Insurance Cover in place for concerts and other events in the park would have to be increased if more concerts were held. Councillor Hardcastle reminded members that this item was to establish if there was a possibility of more band concerts this year. Members felt that it was late in the season for booking additional concerts for this summer and that the Committee should start enquiries now for 2010.

Resolved – That Mr Ferry make enquiries as to the possibility of securing more band concerts in Hall Park for 2010.

10. CYCLE TRACK IN HALL PARK

Councillor Hudson informed members that he has contacted Sports England about funding a Cycle Track in Hall Park. Sports England advise that they are in the process on putting a funding programme together which will be available shortly. When the programme is completed organisations will be able to enquire if funding for projects is available.

Resolved – That Councillor Hudson updates the Committee at the next meeting.

11. SUSTAINABLE PLANTING AROUND THE CENOTAPH

Councillor Collins informed members that the Horsforth in Bloom judges were disappointed with the Cenotaph area, it was viewed by judges to be tatty and neglected. The judges suggested that the area could be improved for the summer competition. Councillor Collins advised members that work to the gates and other areas is currently underway. Mr Ferry informed members that Mr Gray has consulted with British legion and Hall Park gardeners and has obtained their approval to plant sustainable plants at the Cenotaph. Mr Gray has been provided with a quote of £300 for 60 all year colour plants from Red Hall Nurseries. Members discussed funding of £300 for the plants and it was agreed that a sum of not more than £300 be provided from the Environment Budget.

Resolved – That a sum of not more than £300 be provided from the Environment Budget to purchase 60 sustainable coloured plants for the Cenotaph area.

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

(a) Litter and Leaves in Fink Hill Car Park

13. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date and time of the next meeting will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 at 7.30 p.m.