

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 27th May 2010

PRESENT: Councillor: G. Kneeshaw in the Chair
Councillors: J. Arbuckle, D. Collins, S. Whitlock, I. Scott, C. Cleasby

In attendance: T Ferry and Mr Gray.

1. To accept apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Councillors R. Hardcastle, P. Dobson, M. Townsley, G. Hudson, D. Windsor and S. Spencer
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda
There were no declaration of interest.
3. Election of Chair
Councillor J. Arbuckle proposed that Councillor G. Kneeshaw be re-elected as Chair, this was seconded by Councillor D. Collins, all Members present voted in favour.
RESOLVED
That Councillor G. Kneeshaw be re-elected as Chair of the Environment Committee.
4. To consider questions and comments from members of the public at the Chairman's discretion. There were no members of the public present.
5. Minutes of the previous meetings
RESOLVED – That the minutes of the last meeting held on the 24th March 2010 were received and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and were duly signed by the Chair.
6. Matters Arising from the minutes
There were no matters arising.
7. Members were asked to consider Terms of Reference for the Environment Committee
RESOLVED
That the Terms of Reference for the Environment Committee be adopted.
8. To consider Co-opting Mr Gray to this Committee.
The Chair spoke on Mr Gray's past service to the Environment Committee.
Proposed G. Kneeshaw, seconded by D. Collins, all in favour.
RESOLVED – To co-opt Mr Gray onto the Environment Committee
9. Summer Hanging Baskets & Other Floral Activites

Members were presented with the programme for installing the Summer hanging baskets.

Members then discussed the Pubs & Restaurant floral display competition and Schools gardening competition. It was agreed that for both competitions a 1st prize of £100 should be awarded and three runner up prizes of £50 each, with a total of £500 for both competitions. Horsforth in Bloom judging is to be held on the 15th July.

Members discussed autumn bulb planting and agreed a cost of £400 for bulbs.

RESOLVED

That £500 be expended on the Pub/Restaurant floral competition and School gardening Competition and that £400 be expended on autumn bulb planting.

10. New Band Stand in Hall Park
Councillor Hudson was unable to attend the meeting. He advised that Friends of Hall Park are looking at renovation of the band stand and that more immediately, re-painting it.
RESOLVED
To note this report.
11. Green Flag Status – Hall Park
Councillor Hudson was unable to attend this meeting. He advised that he is waiting for more information from the parks manager. He also advises that Friends of Hall Park have now taken this on board.
RESOLVED
To note this report.
12. Horsforth Boundary Signs
The Town Clerk reported that he has written to Highways asking if they are in possession of new boundary signs, not reply has been received to date.
The Town Clerk also advised members that the Chair of Council will speak direct to Highways to receive an update on the boundary signs.

Councillor Kneeshaw and Mr Gray have volunteered to wash the existing boundary signs.
RESOLVED
To note these reports.
13. Provide Lighting to the Cenotaph
Councillor Collins demonstrated the lights that were provided by Councillor Hunt. Councillor Collins went on to report to Members that the power supply for the lights would require investigation. Members agreed that the Environment Committee will take the Cenotaph Lights on as a project and that this will be funded from special projects. It was also agreed to ask Councillor Hunt if he would take on the technical and permission procedures as a co-opted Member to the Environment Committee. Councillor Collins has agreed to ask Councillor Hunt.
RESOLVED
 - a. That the Environment Committee take the Cenotaph Lighting as a project and that the project will be funded from special projects.
 - b. That Councillor Hunt be asked to be a co-opted Member of the Environment Committee for the Cenotaph Lighting project.
14. Items for future agenda
Christmas Tree Light Switch On.
Spring & Summer hanging baskets
2011 Budget

The next meeting of the Environment Committee is on Thursday the 11th November 2010 at 7.30pm at the Town Council Office.