

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 2ND APRIL, 2009

PRESENT: - Councillor G. Kneeshaw in the Chair

Councillors: - J. R. Hardcastle; M. Townsley; D. Collins; J. Arbuckle; D. Windsor and
L. Poad

In attendance: - A. Gray; T.Ferry and V. Watson

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

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

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D. Holmes; G. Hudson; S. Whitlock
and C. Cleasby

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Referring to minute 11 regarding the Horsforth in Bloom Competition, Mr. A. Gray and
Councillor D. Collins declared an interest because of their membership on the Committee.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the last Environment meeting held on the 19th February,
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

There were no matters arising from the minutes

6. HORSFORTH SCHOOLS COMPETITION

Referring to minute 6 of the Environment Committee meeting held on the 19th February,
2009 Mr. Gray said that the judging of the Horsforth Schools Competition would take place
on Wednesday 1st of July, 2009.

Members were told that Councillor C. Cleasby would be informing schools of the date for
the judging and Mr. Gray said that he would announce his arrival at the school on the day
before judging commences.

RESOLVED –

(a) That Councillor Townsley be requested to inform Councillor Cleasby of the date of the
judging and she in turn will contact the schools to let them know that it will take place
on 1st July, 2009.

7. FOOTPATHS AT HUNGER HILLS

Mr. Ferry informed Members that he had been in contact with Elaine Hill in regards to the
footpaths in Hunger Hills. He said that £250,000 had been assigned to Leeds North West
and £50,000 of that amount was to be used for work in Hunger Hills. Mr Ferry then informed
Members that there are no plans or funding to carry out any further works at Hunger Hills.

Mr. Ferry said that he has had no reply from the Parks and Countryside Department on the question put to them on whether the pathway was a footpath or a bridleway.

Member discussed the replacement of the stile and was told by Mr. Ferry that he was still looking into this.

RESOLVED – That Mr. Ferry be requested to report back to the next meeting on any responses made by the Parks and Countryside Division of Leeds City Council in regards to the replacement of the stile.

8. BOUNDARY SIGNS

Members discussed once again the need for the Boundary Signs to be erected in the Horsforth area but it was uncertain as to where the signs were at present.

Mr. Ferry said that he had recently tried to find documentation relating to the Boundary signs and as yet he has not been able to find anything.

Questions were raised as to whether a planning permission had to be granted before the Signs could go up.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That Mr. Ferry be requested to continue his search for documentation relating to the Boundary Signs
- (b) That Mr. Ferry be requested to ascertain whether planning permission should be sought to erect the Boundary Signs
- (c) That Members be requested to submit all correspondence and documentation relating to the Town Council to Mr. Ferry for filing purposes.

9. FOOD REMNANTS OUTSIDE GREGGS BAKERY

Referring to minute 9 (a) of the Environment Committee meeting held on the 19th February 2009 Mr. Ferry said that he had written to Greggs Bakery in regard to the food remnants outside the shop but as yet had no response.

RESOLVED – That Members be requested to make informal observations on the outside of the Greggs Bakery store on Town Street and report back to the next meeting.

10. REDUCTION OF BAND CONCERTS IN HALL PARK

As Councillor Hudson was not present at this meeting Members agreed to defer this item until the next meeting

11. HORSFORTH IN BLOOM COMPETITION

Mr. Gray gave a verbal report on the places in Horsforth that the Horsforth in Bloom judges had visited and mentioned also the ones that they will be seeing in the summer. He did mention the Cenotaph as looking neglected of plants and suggested that maybe Members would like to consider this at a future meeting but did realise that the Royal British Legion must be approached before any decisions are made.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the information given by Mr. Gray be noted
- (b) That Mr. Ferry be requested to write to Street Scene thanking them for looking after the Horsforth Area

12. HANGING BASKETS AND FLORAL DISPLAYS IN HORSFORTH

Mr. Ferry informed Members that Councillor G. Hudson had recently spoken with Councillor Holmes about this year's hanging baskets and floral displays and was assured that all the necessary arrangements are in place.

RESOLVED – To note the information in regard to this year's floral displays in Horsforth.

13. CYCLE TRACK IN HALL PARK

As Councillor Hudson was not at this meeting Members agreed to defer this item until the next meeting.

14. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

(a) Sustainable planting around the Cenotaph

15. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date and time of the next meeting will be held on 7th May, 2009 at 7.30 p.m.