

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 18TH JUNE, 2009

PRESENT:- Councillor G. Kneeshaw in the Chair

Councillors:- G. Hudson; D. Collins; J. Arbuckle; L. Poad; M. Townsley; I. Scott and
C. Cleasby

In attendance:- T. Ferry and V. Watson

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from D. Windsor; P. Dobson; A. Barker; D. Holmes and
J. R. Hardcastle

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor M. Townsley proposed Councillor G. Kneeshaw to be the new Chair of this
Committee and it was seconded by Councillor G. Hudson

3. THE CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS

Councillor G. Kneeshaw first of all spoke about the former Chair of this Committee,
Councillor Douglas Holmes, who is presently ill at this time. He said what an excellent Chair
he had been and how hard it would be to follow in his footsteps because of the
contribution he had given to this Committee.

RESOLVED – Members agreed that a gift of a card and plant be sent to him with every
good wish from the Environment Committee.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLVED – That the Terms of Reference for the Environment Committee be approved
once number 5 of the Terms has been deleted.

6. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the last Environment Committee meeting held on the 7th
May, 2009 be approved as being a true and accurate record of the proceedings. They
were duly signed by the Chair.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute 7 refers – Boundary Signs

Mr. Ferry reported that he had recently been in touch with Mr. Andy Merkle, the Transport
official for Leeds City Council to ask where the Horsforth Boundary signs are at the moment.
Mr. Merkle said he was not sure where they were housed but he would endeavour to find
out and report back to him.

RESOLVED – That Mr. Ferry be requested to keep in touch with Mr. Merkle to ascertain
where the Boundary Signs are and report back to a future meeting of this Committee.

Minutes 8 refers – Food Remnants outside Greggs the Bakery

It was reported that the problems that were mentioned at an early meeting in regards to the food debris outside Greggs the Bakery seems now to have been resolved.

Minute 9 refers – Reduction of Band Concerts in Hall Park

Mr. Ferry reported that he had recently been in touch with the organisers of 'Band in the Park' and was told that it was the Elected Members who were the ones who chose where the Bands were to perform but unfortunately Horsforth was not one of them. It is usually the case that 3 concerts are arranged in Hall Park but they have been paid for through 'Friends of Hall Park'.

RESOLVED – That Councillor M. Townsley be requested to ascertain why Horsforth has not been chosen by Leeds City Council to hold 'Band in the Park' and report back to the next meeting.

8. HORSFORTH SCHOOLS COMPETITION

It was reported that there had not been a good response from the Horsforth Schools in regard to the floral Competition. Only 2 schools have confirmed that they would like to enter the Competition and they were St. Margaret's and Newlathes Junior School and of all the schools that were asked there had only been 2 more responses but they declined the invitation to enter the competition.

Members mentioned the 'Pub floral Competition' and asked if arrangements had been made for this to be held this year.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That Councillor G. Kneeshaw be requested to report back to the next Committee after information has been ascertained on the Pub Floral competition from the former Chair of the Environment Committee.
- (b) That arrangements be made for the judging of the Pub Floral competition to be held the week after the next Environment meeting which will be held on 16th July, 2009

9. CYCLE TRACK IN HALL PARK

Councillor G. Hudson informed Members that he had not heard as yet from Sport England in regard to the funding for the development of a Cycle Track in Hall Park

RESOLVED – That Councillor Hudson be requested to report back to the next meeting once he has heard from Sport England.

10. LITTER AND LEAVES IN FINK HILL CAR PARK

It was reported that the Fink Hill Car Park at the moment could do with a little attention due to the fallen leaves and litter strewn around. The Town Clerk said that he had been in touch with Crowther's, the contractor that presently cleans the Horsforth Centre and was told that it would amount to £250 for a cleanup of the car park and it would have to be done early Sunday morning. Members were informed that there is a dispute between the Highways Department and the Parks and Countryside Department as to who's responsibility it is. It was agreed by Members that it was important to have this work done before the 'Horsforth in Bloom competition on the 14th July, 2009.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That Councillor Kneeshaw approach David Reed who is someone who may know who to approach in regard to the cleaning of the car park.
- (b) If Councillor Kneeshaw is unsuccessful in finding someone to clean the car park could the Town Clerk be asked to contact Leeds City Council to ascertain which Department is responsible for the car park and ask if cleaning can be done, if it is possible then could it be done before the 14th July, 2009.

11. SEATS ON TOWN STREET

Referring to minute 10 of the Community Committee meeting held on the 10th June, 2009 regarding the possibility of erecting seating between Morrison's Supermarket and Croft Court this item was referred to this Committee for further consideration.

It was suggested firstly that this could be a joint venture between the Community Committee and the Environment Committee but then Members were informed by the Town Clerk that there was a grant request from the Horsforth Sports and Fun day, which is to be submitted to the next Finance and General Purposes Committee, to ask if funding could be made available to build a mosaic feature outside the old library. Mr. Ferry suggested to Members that they may like to consider at that meeting the possibility of incorporating seats into this new initiative if they are minded to award a grant.

RESOLVED - That Councillor Cleasby be requested to look into this development and report back to the next meeting.

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- (a) The disappearance of trees on Victoria Walk
- (b) New band stand for Hall Park
- (c) Pub Competition
- (d) Crabtree Land

13. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date and time of the next meeting will be held on Thursday 16th July, 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

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