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Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held at Cotton Hall on 16 July 2007

Action

Present: Cllrs Bullman, de Lacey, Ford-Smith (Chairman), Gordon, Hodgkinson, Martin, Colin Carr (Tree Officer)

07/22 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Taylor, Peter Seaber and George Thorpe.

07/23 Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda

Cllr Ford-Smith declared that he lived in Weavers Field and that this might represent an interest.

07/24 That Standing Orders be suspended for an Open Session for the public

No members of the public were in attendance, therefore standing orders were not suspended.

07/25 That Standing Orders be reinstated and the Council meeting resumed

No members of the public were in attendance, therefore standing orders were not suspended.

07/26 That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 June be signed by the Chairman as an accurate record

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 June were accepted as an accurate record.
Prop Cllr de Lacey, sec Cllr Martin.

07/27 Matters arising from minutes

07/12 Arrangements for Christmas celebration. Cllr Ford-Smith distributed a paper with proposals. Plans for this year will be small scale and could involve siting a tree/lights at Smithy Green or the Mayfield triangle. The sub committee will take this forward. It was suggested that it might be possible to site something on the Wellbrook Estate after discussion with Wimpey (Steven Armitage)

DdL

07/15 Village map. Agreed that village map will be at the recreation ground entrance flanked by notice boards and that this will be a function of the recreation ground entrance sub-committee. Cllr Ford-Smith will write to Cllr Martin with ideas for the map and Cllr Martin will consult cartographers at University department of Geography for ideas.

JFS/RM

Cllr Ford-Smith proposed that Cllr de Lacey explore the feasibility of repositioning the recycling bins and introducing a TetraPak recycling facility with the recycling officer at SCDC. Sec Cllr Martin.

DdL

07/28 To agree a programme for the next year and to plan for the next three years (report attached)

The strategy for the Environment Committee was discussed. The paper was well

received and wide agreement reached on its content. Particular reference was made to establishing the boundaries by introducing signage or gateways at the entrances to the village, the use of a village logo on street furniture and the involvement of the whole village to the south of the A14. Tree and shrub planting was also widely supported. The chairman will take this forward

JFS

07/29 To receive a report from Cllr Gordon on a proposal to plant oak trees on the golf course boundary to mark the boundary between Girton and Oakington

Cllr Gordon reported on communication with Girton Golf Club about planting oak trees at the entrance to Girton from Oakington. Cllr Gordon has written to Girton Golf Club requesting permission to plant the trees and the golf club have referred the matter to their management committee. Cllr Gordon will report back on the decision.

RG

The matter of ownership of the other triangular piece of land at this end of the village was discussed and EB offered to try and find out who owned the land.

EB

07/30 To appoint two volunteer wardens for the Girton Wood. The names to be submitted to the Woodland Trust for approval.

Cllr Ford-Smith prop, Cllr de Lacey sec nominations for Woodland Trust wardens, Colin Carr and Peter Seaber. Agreed.

07/31 To receive a report (attached) from Cllr Ford-Smith on the Girton Wood, together with a report from Mr J Plowe of the Woodland Trust (to be tabled)

Cllr Ford-Smith discussed report on Girton Wood. Agreed that estimates for work would not be pursued until Cllr Ford-Smith had met with Jonathon Plowe from the Woodland Trust.

JFS

07/32 To establish a sub-committee to produce a design for the entrance to the Recreation Ground

Agreed that sub-committee needed to be formed with recreation ground committee to design entrance for recreation ground and that professional help was required (see above re recycling bins, map etc).

RM

07/33 To receive the quotations for fencing Smithy Green and to agree a strategy

Discussions about Smithy Green resulted in rejecting proposals for fencing from contractors and adopting Cllr Godon's proposal for installing large planters to prevent car parking. To be costed.

JFS/
Linda Miller

07/34 To receive reports:

Woody Green area overgrown – agreed to approach County Council for best time to cut undergrowth re least impact on wildlife.

HB

Smithy Green – hedge overgrown, broken benches need replacement. Agreed need to purchase 4 more benches, one to be sited at Smithy Green. Prop Cllr Ford-Smith, sec Cllr Gordon.

JFS

Cllr Ford-Smith requested that members report on any Open Spaces at the next meeting.

All

The meeting ended at 20:35.