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Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on Thursday 23 September 2010 at Orchard Close Community Centre at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Bromwich (Chair), Barnard, Cockley and Martin; and Messrs Gordon and Thorpe

10/39 Apologies: Cllr de Lacey

10/40 Open session for members of the public
No members of the public were present.

10/41 To co-opt George Thorpe, Martin Harnor and Colin Carr to the Committee.

10/42 To approve the Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting of 5th August 2010
Prop Cllr Bromwich
Sec Cllr Martin
Approved unanimously. The minutes were signed by the Chairman

10/43 Matters arising from the Minutes

1. 10/31: George Thorpe is happy to remain Warden of Town End Close
2. 10/34 The clear-up took place on 18/19 September 2010
3. 10/35 James Wells has been asked to clean the labels.
4. 10/36 George Thorpe has been invited to draw up a plan.
5. 10/37 Sam Clift is experimenting with Christmas Lights.

10/44 To approve a payment of £25 to Mrs M Morrison for the use of water for Smithy Green.
Prop Cllr Bromwich
Sec Cllr Martin
Unanimous.

Action: Clerk, RFO

10/45 To consider quotations (to be circulated) for the maintenance of the Smithy Green bank. Mr Gordon said that pruning was required and the shrubs need hoeing around them. Currently the mower does not seem to cope with the slope. Only one quote had been received, which seemed rather high. Various means of control were suggested, and the matter was deferred pending the seeking of further tenders.

Action: Cllr Bromwich, Clerk

10/46 To approve the submission to Natural England for our CSS Scheme at Town End Close
Adequate details are not available for completing the form. Cllr Bromwich and Mr Gordon

would meet Cllr de Lacey to provide the necessary information.

Action: Cllr Bromwich and Mr Gordon

10/47 To approve a budget for 2010/2011 (to be circulated).

It was agreed that the Town End Close budget (E11) could be reduced to £500.

Prop Cllr Bromwich

Sec Cllr Martin

10/48 To receive reports on open spaces:

1. TEC

Mr Thorpe gave a verbal report. Town End Close is now being used as a nature reserve. A management group has been newly formed by Susan Williams and a local expert Stephen Tomkins was on hand.

2. Wellbrook Way

No report was submitted.

3. Smithy Green

Mr Gordon gave a verbal report. He and Mr Thorpe will take charge. He noted that the posts had been placed round the perimeter of the Green, and that there are 10 spare posts available for later use.

4. Alice Hibbert-Ware

Mr Thorpe gave a verbal report. Research on a re-vamp was completed yet. Penny de Lacey who does a lot of the clearing commented on the old tarmac area within Alice Hibbert-Ware area. It should be developed as a low maintenance area where people can sit. It would be better to have a few shrubs but not those that will need lots of watering. The Ceanothus on Church Lane has never been trimmed. He will come up with 3 different schemes for the committee to either accept or reject.

5. Car Park and corner of entrance

No report was submitted, but it was noted that drainage must be reviewed

6. Footpaths

No report was submitted, but Cllr Bromwich will look at footpaths

10/49 To receive a report (to be circulated) on the spending of this committee to date.

No report had been received.

The meeting closed at 8.45.

The date of the next meeting will be on Thursday 25th November 2010