



LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held at
the Jubilee Pavilion, Keedwell Hill, Long Ashton
on 21st March 2022 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Anderson (Chairman), Cave (left 8pm), Fagg, Hardingham, Harris, Ives, Purkiss and MacQuillan (NSC Councillor)

In Attendance: Karen Aniola (Admin & Committee Officer) and Cllr Bolton

E22.017 Apologies for Absence LGA 1972 s85 (1)

Apologies were accepted and approved from Councillors James, Jackson, McAllister Kemp and Tarsey.

It was confirmed that a councillor attendance record for all Council and Committee meetings is maintained by the Clerk.

E22.018 Declarations of Interests and Grant of Dispensations

There were no interests declared and no dispensations requested.

E22.019 Confirmation of Minutes LGA 1972, Schedule 12, paragraph 41(1).

Resolved – That E22.010 should be amended to read:

Resolved - THAT the Clerk would contact NS Council (draft communication to be provided by Cllr Ives) to request the compulsory dedication of two PROWs (around cricket ground and over landfill site), using HA 1980 S26 powers.

Resolved - THAT the Parish Council should contact N Somerset Council to obtain an update on the DMMO application submitted in 2021 regarding the cricket ground path.

With this amendment, above, the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 24th January 2022 are approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

It was agreed that agenda items 12 and 15 be brought forward to allow Councillor Cave to leave early.

E22.020	Paths & Public Rights of Way (PROWs)
	a. <u>Dawsons Walk</u> The Committee received an update from Councillor MacQuillan following his meeting with the NSC solicitor on 27 January. He was advised that the case of statutory responsibility of NSC for trees with ash die-back was not strong, being classed as a civil court issue.

	<p>Resolved – THAT Councillor MacQuillan investigate all options outlined by Committee and report back to the next meeting to inform discussion and agreement about next steps.</p>
	<p>b. <u>Providence Lane – Access to Ashton Court</u> Councillor Fagg confirmed that Durnford Quarry would meet the costs of installing a gap stile. It was also noted that their wheel washer was due to be installed at the end of March and that up to 200 lorries accessed the quarry on a busy day.</p>
	<p>c. <u>New Database – PROW Issues</u> A new PROW database which will be maintained by the Admin & Committee Officer was noted, and an update was received from Councillor Ives. Councillor MacQuillan offered to follow this up with the NSC PROW Committee, advising this was more likely to produce results if one PROW was prioritized.</p> <p>Resolved – THAT a summary of ongoing PROW issues will be provided to Environment Committee when there has been sufficient progress to report.</p> <p>Resolved – THAT the dedication of footpath LA12/11 (over landfill site) be prioritized by Councillor MacQuillan for attention by NSC PROW Committee.</p>
	<p>d. <u>Councillor Motion – PROW Issues</u> Resolved – THAT due to a lack of time, this item be postponed for discussion to the next meeting.</p>
	<p>e. <u>Public Spaces Protection Orders</u> Resolved – THAT Councillor Ives write to all Councillors (and Clerk) with information about the purpose and benefits of a presentation on the subject of Public Spaces and Protection Orders, inviting interest to attend.</p>
E22.021	Highways
	<p>a. <u>Hollis Close, Lodge Drive and Brocks Lane</u> A Highways Safety report with recommendations from Councillor MacQuillan was noted.</p> <p>Resolved – THAT subject to authorisation by Full Council, the recommendation to instruct N Somerset Highways to proceed with yellow lining of the turning head and additional lining as is deemed acceptable to residents in Hollis Close, be approved with costs up to £3,500 paid from Earmarked Reserves (Road Safety - £14,000).</p> <p>Resolved – THAT subject to authorisation by Full Council, the recommendation to update the signage at Hollis Close be approved with costs circa £3,500 paid from Earmarked Reserves (Road Safety – £14,000).</p> <p>Resolved – THAT the above recommendations be taken to Full Council in May for final authorisation.</p> <p>Resolved - THAT the Clerk write to N Somerset Highways to formally request that the installation of yellow lines at the junction of Lodge Drive</p>

	<p>and Long Ashton Road be included in the review of traffic restrictions in the Parish.</p> <p>Resolved – THAT the Clerk write to N Somerset Highways to formally request that Brocks Lane be included in the School Safety zone for Birdwell School, and that associated improvements be implemented at the same time as work for Piccolos. Progress to be managed through the VES working group.</p>
	<p>b. <u>Cricket Club Sign</u> An update on the Cricket Club’s request for new signage provided by North Somerset Council was received. The Cricket Club would pay all costs and installation could now proceed subject to Parish Council permission for said signage.</p> <p>Resolved – THAT permission be granted for new signage provided by NSC to be paid for by the Cricket Club.</p>
E22.022	Litter Bins – Missing Bins and Litter
	<p>A resident’s request for the supply of new litter bins for the following locations – Warren Drive bus stop, Warren Lane bus stop, Perry Road to Gatcombe area, and Gatcombe Farm bus stop - was received. It was noted that a request for NSC Street Cleaning to review the area and provide extra bins had been submitted with no response yet.</p> <p>Resolved – THAT confirmation be sought from NSC Street Cleaning as to whether they would supply any of the requested bins. Also THAT information and quotes for purchase & emptying of new bins, and clarification about the location of Parish Council owned bins including Leigh Woods, be brought to the next meeting.</p>
E22.023	Noticeboards
	<p>A verbal update was received.</p> <p>Resolved – THAT quotes for new noticeboards at suggested locations Kings Croft, Community Centre vicinity and Kingcott Park Homes vicinity be provided for the next meeting, together with quotes for maintenance and repairs of existing noticeboards as highlighted in the report provided to Environment Committee in February 2021.</p>
E22.024	Village Enhancement Scheme and Road Safety
	<p>A verbal update on Leigh Woods was received from Councillor Harris. It was noted that the recent introduction of parking meters had been a great success in terms of deterring car parking by non-residents.</p> <p>Resolved – THAT Leigh Woods be included as a standing agenda item.</p> <p>Resolved – THAT a meeting of the VES/Piccolo’s Working Group be set up by the Admin & Committee Officer.</p>

E22.025	Parks and Play Areas
	<p>a. <u>Perry Road & Gardener's Walk</u> The Admin & Committee Officer provided an update on a 17 March on-site meeting to discuss potential solutions to playground flooding & mud issues. Potential solutions and a rough indication of costs were noted.</p> <p>Resolved – THAT in principle the work needs to be carried out at both sites, so further information and quotes to be brought back to the next meeting before going to July Full Council with recommendation for spend authorisation.</p>
	<p>b. <u>Playgrounds Quarterly Inspection Reports</u> To note the results of inspections carried out in March 2022 for Gardeners Walk, Kings Croft and Perry Road, and to note that the 2 x Moderate issues highlighted are going to be downgraded to Low priority by GB Sports.</p>
E22.026	Long Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan 2013-2033
	Resolved – THAT the Neighborhood Plan needs to be updated as a matter of urgency, and that this recommendation with 2 further quotes (in addition to one already received) for consultancy fees should be taken to the next F&GP or Full Council for spend authorization from Earmarked Reserves (Planning).
E22.027	Flooding Resilience – Ashton Brook Bund
	Resolved – THAT the Parish Council withdraw from its decision to commission a professional study of the Bund alongside Ashton Brook.
E22.028	Biodiversity and Public Open Spaces
	<p>a. <u>WI Tree Planting</u> Resolved – THAT further investigation for the location of the tree (by Church House or in Peel Park) be delegated to the Admin & Committee Officer.</p>
	<p>b. <u>Memory Café Tree Planting</u> Resolved – THAT investigation into a location for 5 x apple trees donated by Thatchers be delegated to Councillor Anderson and Admin & Committee Officer.</p>
	<p>c. <u>Chatty Benches – Request from LA Together</u> Resolved – THAT in principle the Chatty Benches are a great idea, THAT that these should be sited in popular areas with high footfall where they will be seen e.g. Community Centre or Peel Park, and when considering sites to be mindful of previous problems with benches in certain areas.</p>
E22.029	Transport
	<p><u>Electric Car Charging Point</u> Resolved – THAT Councillor MacQuillan would contact the Lead Officer at NSC with regards to progress on the planned installation of 2 Electric Car Charging Points in Leigh Woods.</p>

E22.030	Councillor Motion - Churchyard and War Memorial Trust
	<p>The meeting was suspended by the Chairman at 21:10 as per standing order 2. The meeting recommenced at 21:15.</p> <p>Resolved – THAT issues highlighted in Councillor Cave’s 2020 All Saints Graveyard memorials inspection report still need to be addressed.</p> <p>Resolved - THAT a separate meeting should take place between Councillors Anderson, Cave and Ives to resolve and clarify misunderstandings, and come back to Committee with a plan to ensure a more productive relationship between Parish Council and the Trust to ensure necessary repairs can be undertaken.</p>
E22.031	To Receive Working Group Reports
	<p>a. <u>Biodiversity Working Group</u> A verbal report was received.</p>
	<p>b. <u>Pollution, Recycling and Waste</u> Councillor Ives enquired if NSC were responsible for measuring air pollution and whether residents needed to receive reassurance about air quality. Councillor MacQuillan confirmed that NSC measured air quality in specific areas and offered to send him contact details of the relevant person.</p>
	<p>d. <u>Public Art Working Group</u> Resolved - THAT the Public Art Working Group’s Terms of Reference was approved, THAT Councillor James be nominated to join the Group, and THAT the Group should report back on progress at each meeting.</p>

E22.032 **Date of Next Meeting**
30th May 2022 at 7.30pm

Meeting ended at 21:28

Signed: Date: (Chairman