



## LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held at  
the Jubilee Pavilion, Keedwell Hill, Long Ashton  
on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors James (Chairman), Anderson, Fagg, Hardingham, Ives,  
Tarsey, MacQuillan (NSC Councillor).

In Attendance: Karen Aniola (Admin & Committee Officer), Hannah Harwood (Deputy  
Clerk & RFO), Cllr Bolton, Cllr Kindred, and two members of the public.

### **E22.001 Apologies for Absence** LGA 1972 s85 (1)

Apologies were accepted from Councillors Cave, Harris Jackson, McAllister-Kemp and Purkiss.

Absent - Councillor Wilkinson.

### **E22.002 Declarations of Interests and Grant of Dispensations**

There were no interests declared and no dispensations requested.

### **E22.003 Confirmation of Minutes**

Attendance - Tracy Warren should be replaced with Tracy Lamb. E22.069 line 7, replace Hollis Close with Lodge Lane. E22.072, replace Brook's Lane with Brock's Lane.

**Resolved** – That with three minor amendments, above, the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 29th November 2021 are approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. (LGA 1972, Schedule 12, paragraph 41(1)).

### **E22.004 Skate Park Project**

This item was not discussed as Councillor Jackson was absent.

### **E22.005 Footpaths & Cycle Paths**

#### a. Yanley Lane

**Noted** – although it is the landowner's responsibility to maintain footpath furniture, with grants available from NSC, the Committee acknowledged the benefit to community in being able to walk across their land.

**Resolved** – to authorise £200 contribution to come from the Highways General Expenditure budget.

#### b. Dawson Walk

**Noted** – Councillor MacQuillan reported that he would be meeting with a NSC solicitor on 27 January for advice, but that NSC had no statutory responsibility for this area as it was privately owned, and responsibility lay with Green Belt.

- c. Providence Lane – Access to Ashton Court  
**Resolved** – that it was agreed in principle to approve up to £845 inc VAT (£145 planning and £700 stonemason costs) to Kestor Harris and that Councillor Fagg approaches the quarry for a contribution.

#### **E22.006 Highways**

- a. Hollis Close and Lodge Lane  
**Noted** – NSC Highways Officer agreed changes were needed and they were investigating signage, yellow lines and a proposal to replace planters with bollards on Hollis Close. Lodge Lane was also being investigated with a view to both being included in the same Traffic Order package. Any progress would be reported to the committee.
- b. Crossing Safely at Brocks Lane  
**Noted** – progress is being made which will be reported back to the committee.
- c. Cricket Club Sign  
**Resolved** – that Councillor Ives contacts NSC Highways for clarity and information on the practicalities and cost implications of installing a brown tourist road sign.

#### **E22.007 Village Enhancement Scheme and Road Safety**

**Noted** – the Leigh Woods parking scheme is now in progress, with signage, meters and yellow lines installed. Additional software testing may be necessary but after a lot of hard work, the scheme was finally coming together.

**Resolved** – the Village Enhancement Scheme working group to be revived - re-named the Piccolo's Renovation Scheme - and a meeting to be scheduled for mid-February.

#### **E22.008 Parks and Play Areas**

- a. Perry Road and Gardener's Walk  
**Noted** – up to £2000 CIL for Gardener's Walk expenditure was approved at November Full Council and needs to be spent before 2023.
- Resolved** – that contractors are approached for further advice as matting does not appear to be a suitable solution to flooding on clay ground.
- b. Playgrounds Annual Inspection Reports  
**Resolved** – that Admin & Committee Officer will check warranty on failing equipment items at Gardener's Walk.
- Resolved** – that the costs for repairs at Kings Croft and Perry Road to come out of Taylor Wimpey section 106 Earmarked Reserve.

#### **E22.009 Flooding Resilience**

**Resolved** – NSC's responsibilities in this area need to be confirmed. Further research and the appropriateness of commissioning a professional study of the bund alongside Ashton Brook to be reported back to committee (£1500 in Earmarked Reserves for study).

## **E22.010 Motion Received**

**Noted** – a report was received from Councillor Ives.

**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.

## **E22.011 Footpaths & PROW**

### a. Parish PROW Map

**Noted** – some confusion existed around the source of the map and this should be discussed further outside the meeting.

### b. Dog Fouling – PooperScooper App

**Noted** – the committee supported sharing and use of the app and agreed to promote on social media. This should also reference keeping dogs on leads at the Recreation Ground.

## **E22.012 Burial Ground**

### a. Garden of Remembrance Plaques

**Resolved** – that a change in Guidelines was authorised to allow for 2 plaques side by side per double plot instead of one joint plaque.

### b. Cremation Row (CF) Plots Spacing

**Resolved** – that approval was given to the lifting and moving 5 base slabs to allow space in between plots, subject to gaining permission from the plot owners.

## **E22.013 Biodiversity and Public Spaces**

### WI Tree Planting

**Resolved** – that the WI's request to plant a tree for the Queen's Jubilee was approved in principle, subject to further investigation of a satisfactory location by the Admin & Committee Officer.

## **E22.014 Transport**

### Electric Car Charging Point

**Resolved** – Chairman to contact Western Power distribution for advice and report back.

## **E22.015 To Receive Working Group Reports**

### a. Biodiversity Working Group

**Noted** – a verbal report was received from Cllr Anderson.

**Resolved** – that a budget of up to £800, previously approved, to be assigned to LANCET to take charge of the wildflower bank project in Peel Park.

**Noted** – a placard/sign to be investigated to reference that the wildflower/tree works in Peel Park were funded by LAPC.

**Resolved** – the Terms of Reference was approved subject to the membership being updated.

- b. Burial Ground and Churchyard Trust

**Noted** – no update was available.

- c. Highways, Car Parks and Airport

**Noted** – item referred to the Planning Committee.

- d. Pollution, Recycling and Waste

**Noted** – update received. Councillor Ives to report back to committee with costs for air pollution monitoring equipment.

**E22.016**

**Date of Next Meeting**

21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 at 7.30pm

Meeting ended at 21.22

Signed: ..... Date: ..... (Chairman