



# Environment & Highways Committee

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020 7.30pm  
Catshill Village Hall, Golden Cross Lane, Catshill

**Members Present:** Cllrs M Ball (Chair), B McEldowney, M Johnson, P Masters, G Blackmoor

**In Attendance:** Clerk C Blake,

1. Apologies for absence      None received
2. Declarations of Interest      None
3. To consider members' written requests for dispensation      None requested
4. Adjournment of meeting for Public Question Time No members of the public were present
5. To reconvene to consider approval of minutes of meeting held 13/06/19

**It was agreed** that the minutes were an accurate reflection of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman

6. Clerk's report, to include updates on:

## **6.1 Footpaths and Cycle path results from NP Questionnaire**

The Clerk reported that as a result of the NP Questionnaire regarding residents views concerning the Public Footpaths in the Parish although the majority of residents consider the footpaths are in good condition a sizeable minority disagrees or strongly disagrees and there is widespread support for more dedicated cycle routes.

**It was agreed** that a plan of dedicated footpaths should be highlighted in the next Newsletter to try and get residents involved in walks within the area.

**It was agreed** as a PC to set objectives for the next few years and promote and tidy up the walkways and cycle paths and promote this work in future Newsletters.

**It was agreed** that the Clerk would contact Malcolm Shepherd to ask his opinion on the current state of the walkways and his suggestions on what needs to be done to enhance or improve them

## **6.2 Severn Trent Community Funding – Document circulated**

**It was agreed** this item would be deferred and discussed in next meeting

## **6.3 Possible Funding from Plantscape**

**It was agreed** that the Clerk would contact Plantscape as the Wildmoor planter has not been planted for Winter and the invoice has been paid to them. Cllr M Ball stated that there is no problem with planting as the planter is accessible with bolts remaining in the planter.

Also to be asked about the £500 RHS Grant that may be available that has been promoted by Plantscape.

7. To discuss issues of vandalism to the fence at the Baptist Church Garden and possible alternatives

It was noted that on repeated occasions the gardener had needed to replace uprights in the fence following them being pulled off or kicked down. However, the issue did not seem to be abating and therefore it was felt necessary for pupils and parents to attend a meeting with Parish Councillors to discuss the implications. If they refuse, then there is video evidence that can be given to the police to escalate the issue.

8. To consider Baptist Church Garden and current maintenance contract

It was agreed that this item be deferred and discussed in next meeting

9. To consider memorial stones sites

It was agreed that this will be done by first week in October

10. To consider railing around War Memorial and shrubs

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Cllr Shirley Webb to enquire whether the hedge could be cut down to match the height of the railings at the War Memorial or whether this would be the pub's responsibility.

Cllr P Masters left meeting at 20:49

11. To consider Balance Pool

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Lengthsman to look at and tidy this area

12. To consider speeding issues and strategy in reducing such issues

It was considered that the speed sign at Wildmoor Lane could be battery operated and the Lengthsman would be able to change the battery when required. Considered painting speed limits on roads as a reminder to motorists of the speed limits in some areas, cycle lanes to reduce width of roads to slow cars down. If PC wanted to purchase their own speed sign then they would need to obtain a licence and an assessment would need to be carried out as to where it would be located, this could be part of PC future strategy for speed reduction for the residents of the Parish.

13. To consider site to install Bus shelter or paint existing ones

It was agreed that this item be deferred and discussed in next meeting

14. Date, time and venue of the next meeting

14<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 19:30hrs in Catshill Village Hall Committee Room

The meeting ended at 21:15 hrs

Agreed as a true record of the  
meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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Chairman, Environment & Highways Committee  
Catshill and North Marlbrook Parish Council

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