

**CLAYTON-LE-WOODS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 27TH JULY 2017 AT 6.30PM
AT MANOR ROAD ANNEXE**

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs G Ormston (Chair)
Councillor J Cronshaw
Councillor M Clifford
Councillor D Rogerson
Councillor E Whiteford
Councillor A Whitham

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs TD Morris (Clerk)

		ACTION
17.12	ELECTION OF CHAIR Councillor Mrs G Ormston was duly elected as Chair of the Environment Committee for a period of one year.	Clerk
17.13	APOLOGIES There were no apologies received.	
17.14	DECLARATION OF INTEREST There was a declaration of Interest from Councillor M Clifford about membership of the Wildlife Trust.	
17.15	APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON 23RD JANUARY 2017 It was RESOLVED that the minutes held on 23 rd January 2017 were approved as a correct record and were duly signed by the Chair.	
17.16	MATTERS ARISING Whittle Spinney Footpaths Councillor M Clifford informed the committee that there may be funding available from Chorley Council. It was noted that he would report back in due course.	MC

17.17 REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

The committee were provided with the Terms of Reference for scrutiny. The committee noted the addition of Councillor J Cronshaw who replaced Councillor R Boyd.

It was **RESOLVED** that the committee work to the revised terms of reference and the document would be tabled for ratification at the next FPC meeting.

Clerk

17.18 PLANNING UPDATE OF CHRISTMAS TREE 2017

Councillor M Clifford provided the committee of an overview of the current situation. It was noted that Westfield Tree Services had stated that the tree supplied would not be subject to a refund on this occasion. It was proposed that a tree be selected on site which would be transported to the appropriate firm for delivery in due course.

It was agreed that this matter would be deferred to the Events Committee to investigate and secure a suitable Christmas Tree

Events

17.19 MANAGEMENT OF BACK LANE WOODS AND PONDS

The Chair reported that 'deep water' signs had been erected by the ponds as health and safety had been of paramount importance.

Tree Condition Survey

Councillor Mrs G Ormston informed the members that she had investigated the provision of this service. Several Tree Consultants had been approached and the costs ranged from £575.80 to £3,840.00.

It was agreed that the quote from BHA Tree Services Ltd be accepted at a cost of £575.80 and that the subsequent report be reviewed by the committee in due course.

GO

Management Plan

It was proposed that a Woodland Management Plan be put in place. After due consideration, it was agreed that the Woodland Trust be invited to present their proposals to the committee and that two other organisations be invited to do the same in due course.

MC

17.20 ROSEMARY BOYD MEMORIAL

It was reported the siting of a memorial bench would be sited in Back Lane woods. The carvings can be viewed on the website

www.roland.chainsaw.carver. The cost would be around £400.00 depending on the design.

The members agreed the location and the location of the bench would be a fitting memorial. It was requested that Councillor Gail Ormston make further enquiries.

GO

17.21 LEONORA CARRINGTON PLAQUE

Further to Westwood School investigating the locally born artist it was proposed that a blue plaque be erected to commemorate her life and achievements. It was also suggested that in due course an interpretation board be situated near the blue plaque.

Councillor Mrs A Whitham volunteered to investigate the matter with Lancashire County Council in the first instance.

GO

17.22 REVIEW OF GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT 2017

It was noted that members observed the grass being cut at Bankside and it was done efficiently and there had been no complaints regarding the other parish owned sites.

17.23 NORTHWEST IN BLOOM

It was reported that the parish had not entered the competition in three years.

It was proposed that the parish consider entering the competition under several categories in 2018 with much more community involvement and liaison with Chorley Council.

Councillor Mrs G Ormston volunteered to pull together a plan of action for approval in due course.

GO

17.24 REVIEW OF HANGING BASKETS AND PLANTING BEDS

As agreed the hanging baskets had been extended to the north of the parish and there had been several compliments received. It was noted however that the some of the flowerbeds required maintenance.

It was requested that Chorley Council and Envirocare be contacted to implement a weeding planting programme.

Clerk

17.25 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

No items were deemed confidential.

17.26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was scheduled for week |
commencing 10th September 2017 |