

TANGMERE PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held at 7.30pm on 23 November 2021 in the Village Centre, Malcolm Road PO20 2HS

Present:

Councillors- Kirsten Lanchester (Chairman), Kate Beach, Roger Birkett, Regan du Closel, Andrew Irwin, Simon Oakley and Trevor Ware

In attendance:

Louise Steele – Clerk to the Council
Jane Taylor Chairman of the Allotment Committee

165	AGENDA ITEM 1 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Blythe. All those present heard the news about the recent death of Cllr Blythe's wife with sadness and the Clerk offered to convey condolences on behalf of the whole parish council.	
166	AGENDA ITEM 2- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr Oakley declared non pecuniary interests, in general terms, as a member of Chichester District Council (CDC) and as a member of West Sussex County Council (WSCC).	
167	AGENDA ITEM 3 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION There was no public participation.	
168	AGENDA ITEM 4 – MINUTES The minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2021 were approved as an accurate record and it was agreed that they should be signed as such by the Chairman.	
169	AGENDA ITEM 5 – ACTION POINTS (TO INCLUDE OTHER MATTERS) Members considered the latest position in relation to: a) New Homes Bonus projects – unusual and unexpected delay in obtaining firm quote for supply and planting of trees; the Clerk to chase in a week's time. b) Bus shelters - cleaning of the bus shelters should be happening soon. Concern was expressed that three bus stops had been suspended and the Clerk was asked to write to Stagecoach and WSCC expressing the parish council's concern that the suspension should be temporary. c) Maintenance and landscaping at Lysander Way – delayed pending tree works d) Trees e) Dukes Meadow – nothing to report f) Development/Marketing Officer at Community Transport Sussex- to attend a future meeting. More public transport	

	and better pedestrian access for Tangmere to be a future agenda item	
170	AGENDA ITEM 6 – CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk referred to correspondence received that was of direct relevance to Agenda Item 13 and indicated that she would report on it at that point on the agenda.	
171	AGENDA ITEM 7 – ALLOTMENTS Members declined to receive the report of the Allotments committee chairman because so much time had already elapsed since the start of the meeting. The Clerk expressed her regret at arranging the agenda such that this item was delayed and undertook to arrange the agenda differently for future meetings.	
172	AGENDA ITEM 8 – MANAGEMENT REGIME FOR THE BUND Upon the proposal of Cllr Irwin, seconded by Cllr du Closel, the following management regime was agreed for the Bund. Handweeding and light strimming in spring followed by wild flower seeding of the sparse areas. Full cut to take place in late September or October after flowering.	
173	AGENDA ITEM 9 – RoSPA REPORT Members received and considered the report of the recent safety inspection. It was agreed that the Clerk would assemble a specification for work to address the actions identified in the report. Weekly inspections were to be reintroduced. Upon the proposal of Cllr Oakley, seconded by Cllr Birkett it was agreed that there should be a review of replacing items of equipment.	
174	AGENDA ITEM 10 – RECREATION FIELD DRAINAGE PROJECT Members considered whether Tangmere Parish Council should proceed formally to seek tenders for undertaking the feasibility study stage of a drainage improvement scheme for the Recreation Field project and identify source(s) of funding for it. It was agreed that a feasibility study should proceed, at an indicative a cost of £2,000 to £3,000, only if S106 money were available to fund the feasibility study.	
175	AGENDA ITEM 11 – NATIONAL HIGHWAYS – CONSULTATION WITH PARISH COUNCIL’S RE A27 Members considered the Clerk’s report on the initial meeting with National Highways regarding the A27. It was agreed that the Council’s representatives on that group would be Cllrs Irwin and du Closel. It was further agreed to defer formulation of a corporate view on future development of the A27 to the next meeting of the Committee.	
176	AGENDA ITEM 12 – NEW BINS Members noted the current position regarding the installation of new bins and that the officer at CDC had suggested that the Clerk make contact again in the spring to see if there is capacity to install new bins then.	

177	<p>AGENDA ITEM 13 – VILLAGE GATEWAYS</p> <p>Members considered whether the Committee would wish to see the installation of village gateways to Tangmere and considered the replacement of the village threshold sign on Tangmere Road (on the Tangmere “straight”). Members agreed that the at this time the parish council would like the village threshold sign replaced with a standard name plate.</p> <p>The Committee felt that because the development of the Tangmere SDL is likely to progress in 2023 and the new access roads to be built will occasion a rethink about where village name plates will be located and, it is anticipated, new signs and possibly village gateways should at that time be funded by the developer. No further action on village gateways to be taken at this time.</p>	
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Date of next meeting: – 1 February 2022

Chairman:

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