

Wing Parish Council

Minutes

of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 15th February 2022 in the Parish Office, Charlotte Cottage, Leighton Road, Wing

Councillors Present: Tabiner-Crush (Chairman), Kellner, Lomas, Davidson, Tring and Sunday.

Public: 0 members of the public

Clerks: C Power (Minutes).

Meeting Start time: 8.00pm

E22.1 Chairman's Welcoming Statement

E22.2 Governance

22.2.1 Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence from Members.

None, all members are present.

22.2.2 Declaration of Interests from Members on Agenda Items

To receive declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interests from Members in matters on the Agenda.

None.

22.2.3 Dispensations

To receive dispensations for Members to speak and/or vote on items on the agenda in which they hold a declared personal and/or prejudicial interest(s).

None.

E22.3 Previous Minutes

To resolve that the minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 13th December 2021 be signed as a correct record of proceedings.

Resolved: The Committee resolved that the minutes be approved for signature as an accurate record of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 13th December 2021.

E22.4 Wing Green Walkway

To receive updates on information requested at the last meeting on trees suitable for walkway areas, trees suitable to the Chesterfield Crescent area and a suitable commemorative tree for Jubilee Green.

To continue discussions on a long-term plan for a Green Walkway around Wing.

Councillor Sunday has investigated different options on appropriate trees. Research on phytoremediation is taking place to see if it could be suitable for Chesterfield Crescent. A list of suitable trees has been circulated to committee members and will be included as part of the management plan.

Councillor Davidson has attended the village Heritage group meeting and they are working on having a walkway around Wing which includes QR codes to be placed around the village. It was suggested that a collaborative approach with the green walkway and heritage should be taken as they compliment each other and can raise the profile of the village.

The idea of linking a green walkway with heritage was discussed and lots of thoughts were put forward including working with Ascott House, raising funds through National Lottery grants and other health and wellbeing, culture and heritage funds. The airfield was mentioned and other historical areas in the village too.

HS2 are looking at supplying trees so the list of trees available was circulated to committee members.

The current trees on Jubilee Green were discussed before looking at trees to plant to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee.

Resolved: To apply to the Community Board for funding to purchase an established tree and bulbs for the Queen's Jubilee. For the tree, the first option is a black poplar, second option is a flowering cherry and the third option is an oak.

E22.5 Long Spinney

To receive an update on activities supporting Long Spinney and discussion future plans.

A Land management consultation has visited the area and their report has been circulated. The report looks at setting up a management plan for Long Spinney and Bewick Green.

A visit has been set up for a wildlife officer from Buckinghamshire Council to look at the open spaces and see what clarification can be achieved. The area of the land is a consideration so looking to extend the wildlife corridor along the stream needs to be researched. It was agreed to look into the ownership of the stream that leads from the Bewick Green area to Chesterfield Crescent.

An update on the application DEFRA Environment Stewardship scheme was given. The Council are registered and now the land needs to be linked to the account. There is £1,000 in funding available to establish a management plan, then additional funding is available for the areas that need maintenance.

There is Ash ~~Died-back~~ dieback in some of the trees in Long Spinney which needs to be monitored and a plan made for the felling of the trees. These would be start with trees deemed to cause a Health and Safety risk but a tree felling licence is likely to be required before work can be carried out. This issue will be included in the management plan of the area.

The Forestry Commission is planning on visiting in March.

Once there is a management plan in place should aid applications for grant funding.

The issues raised in the initial consultant's report were discussed and included squirrel damage in the poplars, too many sycamores, ash ~~die-back~~ dieback and some of the silver birches are too tall with shallow roots.

Once the visits have taken place, decisions need to be made on the future use of Long Spinney, how much work needs to be done, accessibility of the site and who should carry out the work.

Resolved: To contact Wing Charities and discuss the management plan for the area, including the stream that runs next to their property.

Discussions on sample posters regarding Nesting Birds and Sheep Worrying took place and agreed upon.

As the land transfer for Bewick Green is moving forward, residential properties with a gate to Bewick Green was discussed.

Resolved: The Clerks to draft a letter to residents regarding access to Bewick Green which is to be brought to either the next committee meeting or a full Council meeting.

Friends of Long Spinney have been donated a painting to be auctioned off to raise funds for Long Spinney. The painting will be on display in The Queens Head and sealed bids will be kept behind the bar.

Resolved: To advertise the auction in What's On In Wing in a half page advert, people placing the advert are to ask if it can be published for free but if not the cost of £18 is approved.

The Community Board application for the container funding is still pending and the ~~Clerk~~ Clerk was asked to see where in the process it is.

Discussions regarding replacing the tree guards in the Long Spinney field to prevent deer damage took place.

Resolved: To apply to Hearts for Bucks Green Fund for £5,000.

E22.6 Buckinghamshire Council Wildflowers Verge Project

To receive an update on the Buckinghamshire Council wildflowers project and the meeting with the Local Area Technician on locations.

To discuss moving the project forward in the Parish.

The Local Area Technician has visited the village and a few extra areas have been added to the suggested sites for consideration. Councillor Davidson will contact the Local Area Technician to ask if they have all the information they have and when a decision is to be made on the sites suggested.

E22.7 Date of Next Meeting

To be held on Tuesday 19th April 2022 in the Parish Office, Charlotte Cottage, Leighton Road, Wing.

Close of meeting: 9.34pm