

Wing Parish Council

Minutes

of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 11th October 2022 in the Parish Council Office, Charlotte Cottage, Leighton Road, Wing.

Members present: Cllrs Louise Tabiner-Crush (Chairman), David Kellner, John Lomas, Liz Tring, Sanchia Davidson and Helen Sunday.

Public: 0 **Clerk:** Claire Power

Start Time: 8.00pm

1 Election of Chairman of the meeting

To elect a Chairman for the meeting.

Resolved: To elect Councillor Tabiner-Crush as the Chairman for the meeting.

2 Governance

2.1 Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence from Members.

None received.

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.

No declarations were received from members present.

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).

No dispensation on agenda items were received.

3 Previous Minutes

To resolve that the minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 12th July 2022 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 Tuesday 12th July 2022.

4 Project Updates

To receive updates on the ongoing projects and consider any actions required to progress the projects, to include but not limited to:

4.1 Wing Green Walkway

No update has been received.

4.2 Wildflowers around the parish

No update has been received from Buckinghamshire Council regarding the Wildflowers trial for Wing. The Clerk was asked to chase this item.

The committee agreed to try the area at the corner of High Street and Stewkley Road. The area needs to be prepared with a strim and scarifying. There are seeds available from the previous purchase.

5 Long Spinney and Bewick Green

5.1 *To receive an update on activities supporting Long Spinney and Bewick Green and discuss future plans.*

There has been a meeting with the Forestry Commission for advice on preparing a long term plan for the management of Long spinney.

The idea of placing a bench in the farmers field, close to the walkway was discussed. It was agreed that prices for a bench should be brought to the next committee meeting.

The purchase of Owl boxes to be placed in for Long Spinney was discussed. It was agreed that it was a good idea and that the Clerks can use delegated authority to approve the purchase once prices were finalised.

The removal of three large trees and the two willow trees overhanging the pond were discussed. The Long Spinney team will gain quotes for the work then the Clerk and the Chairman of the Committee can use delegated authority to instruct the work in accordance with the Financial Guidelines.

The autumn cut of Bewick Green has been carried out. The plan is for the spring cut to just be focused on the pathways and not a full cut of the area.

The team working on updating the Neighbourhood Plan are looking to add Bewick Green to the Green Spaces listed in the Plan.

Resolved: To pay for a ½ page advert in What's On In Wing on a monthly basis to advertise Long Spinney and the working parties.

5.2 To approve the School of Geography, Earth and Environmental Sciences Professional placement proposal 2022-23.

Resolved: To approve the proposal for the School of Geography, Earth and Environmental Sciences student placement for 2022-23. Councillor Sunday will submit the required paperwork with herself as the first contact and the agreed resident as the second contact person.

5.3 To discuss the proposed plans from Buckinghamshire Council for a tree planting scheme in the parish.

There were several discussions points regarding the tree planting scheme planned on the land adjacent to Long Spinney. These involved discussions on why the road was needed (agreed it's for access as plan is for it to be a commercial but sustainable woodland) and not linking into or joining up with Long Spinney. The woods ~~is~~ **are** not planned to be a community wood. The Forestry Commission will have a 100 year lease for the area as they are the ones that will plant the trees and maintain the area.

5.4 To approve the advertising of the Long Spinney Working Parties in What's On In Wing

It was agreed the working party dates can be included as part of the Parish Council News to advertise the activities and need for volunteers.

5.5 To discuss using the Long Spinney budget on contractors and labour costs for projects such as reconstructing the bridges and improving the footpaths within Long Spinney.

Resolved: To use £5,000 of the Long Spinney budget for 2022-23 to match fund the funds granted by Hearts of Bucks – Green Fund. The Parish Council element would fund contractors time to carried out the bridge work.

6 General Maintenance

a) To receive an update on the progress for a maintenance plan for the parish council-maintained areas.

An update was provided on the progress of a maintenance plan for the parish. Invitations were sent out to six companies asking if they would be interested in putting a schedule together. Currently two have responded that they are interested and will submit the information during November ready for the next committee meeting.

b) To approve the drafted Handy Person tender document, consider advertising the tender and the timeline.

Resolved: Approval of the Handy Person Specification. Approval for a half page advert to be placed in the December edition of What's On In Wing, the advert to be placed on the Council's website, Facebook page, Instagram and noticeboards on the 1st December. Applications for the position are to be received by Thursday 5th January. Two members of the Environment and planning Committee will carry out the interviews in January and provide feedback to the other members. A recommendation will be put to the Full Council at the meeting being held on Tuesday 31st January.

c) To discuss outstanding issues of general maintenance within the parish carried out by other bodies.

The issue of sewerage smells on the boundary of Mount Pleasant Farm were discussed and agreed that the Unitary Councillors need to **be** made aware of the situation.

The A418 and the hedge along Stewkley Road have been cut back.

The hole reported in Jubilee Green has been filled in but will need to be monitored going forward.

7 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 6th December 2022 at 8pm in the Parish Office, Charlotte Cottage, Wing.

Close of meeting: 10.00pm

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Approved for signature [Minute ref:E 2212.3]