

Wing Parish Council

Environment and Planning Committee

Minutes

Of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting being held on Wednesday 22nd February 2023 commencing at 8.00 pm in the Parish Office, Charlotte Cottage, Leighton Road, Wing

Members of Environment and Planning Committee present:

Cllrs Louise Tabiner-Crush, David Kellner, John Lomas, Sanchia Davidson, Liz Tring and Helen Sunday.

Public: None

Minutes: John Furniss. Deputy Clerk.

All items prefixed: EPC 23.02.

1 Election of Chairman of the meeting

To elect a Chairman for the meeting.

RESOLVED. The Committee resolved that Councillor Tabiner- Crush was the Chair of the meeting

2 Governance

2.1 Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence from Members.

None.

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.

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).

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that there were no relevant dispensations in force and that no new requests had been received.

3 Previous Minutes

To resolve that the minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 6th December 2022 be signed as a correct record of proceedings.

RESOLVED. The Committee resolved that the circulated draft minutes be signed as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting of the Environment and Planning Committee held on 6th December 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

RESOLVED. The Committee resolved to defer this item

4.2 Wildflowers around the parish

Councillor Tabiner- Crush provided a verbal report to the meeting. There had been no response from Buckinghamshire Council to date.

4.3 Speed Indicator Devices

Councillor Lomas reported that the signs were now all in place but the Date and time settings needed updating. Councillor Davidson Advised that the website had been updated.

4.4 Handyperson Interview

RESOLVED. The Committee resolved that Councillor Lomas, Councillor Kellner and Councillor Tring conduct the interviews of the applicants for the Handyman position.

4.5 Community Board funding for Coronation bulbs and tree planting.

Councillor Tabiner- Crush would request an update on progress of the application.

Councillor Davidson read out an email received from Greensand Trust which would be circulated after the meeting.
Appendix 1.

5 Long Spinney

5.1 *To receive and note a report on the walkaround with the Forestry Commission looking at possible routes linking Long Spinney with the new Wing Woods.*

Councillor Tabiner-Crush provided a verbal report to the meeting.

5.2 *To receive and consider the quotes received for reconstructing the bridges within Long Spinney.*

RESOLVED. The Committee resolved that the quote from Michael Jenkins was approved. The clerk to confirm this in writing.

6 Alleyway Concern

To consider a request from a resident for the installation of a 'spot mirror' on the lamppost at the dog leg corner of the alleyway from Stewkley Road to Wantage Close.

RESOLVED. The Committee resolved to purchase and install a suitable mirror. Councillor Lomas and Councillor Tring will investigate the purchase of a suitable mirror.

7 Environmental Issue

To consider sending a letter to the Environmental Agency regarding the issue of a foul smelling discharge entering the stream behind Mount Pleasant Farm.

Councillor Tring circulated a draft letter to the meeting.

RESOLVED. The Committee resolved approval of sending the letter to the Environment Agency with a copy to Buckinghamshire Council. A separate letter to be sent the Greg Smith MP requesting support for getting a response from Buckinghamshire Council.

8 King Charles III Coronation

8.1 *To consider hosting a community event during the weekend of King Charles III Coronation and applying for grant funding with recommendations to be reported back to the next Full Council meeting.*

RESOLVED. The Committee resolved to defer consideration of this item.

8.2 *To consider submitting recommendations to the next Full Council meeting on offering support to community groups holding celebratory events around the parish for King Charles III Coronation.*

RESOLVED. The Committee resolved to recommend that the Council offers support to community groups holding celebratory events around the parish for King Charles III Coronation, including the Scout Group.

9 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 19th April 2023 at 8pm in the Parish Office, Charlotte Cottage, Wing.

The progress to date is:

1. Policy/strategy overview – ongoing. It helps if the Government doesn't publish any more important strategies while I'm doing this – I'm currently reading the new "Environmental Enhancement Strategy".
2. Review of NP policies (to follow 1) and identification of new/updated policies;
3. Accessible Green Space Assessment – I've developed a set of criteria/scoring system and will be out doing these over the next 2-3 weeks;
4. Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy – I will be working with GST ecologist on this, and will also work with the Bucks & MK Local Nature Recovery Strategy lead to ensure that we produce something of value locally, and of use to the wider LNRS process. I have also been in contact with the Records Centre so know what is available.
5. Wing Woods Recommendations – Consultation response produced, will continue to work with others on this.
6. Aspirations/Projects update – not started
7. Links to surrounding parishes – not done anything specific to date, but have just been commissioned to create an updated GI Plan for Leighton-Linslade.