

Minutes of Thornaby Town Council's Environment Meeting held in the Town Hall on Tuesday 11 November 2014 at 6.30pm

Present: Councillor's Mick Moore (Chair), Pat Large, Steve Walmsley, Dave Kennington, Karina Maxwell, Corinne Moore

In attendance: Town Clerk, Mrs Tina Mansell

Minutes prepared by the Town Clerk

ENV-14/107: NOTICE OF MEETING:

The notice of convening the meeting was taken as read

ENV-14/108: APOLOGIES: To receive any apologies for absence

No apologies as all members were in attendance

ENV-14/109: CODE OF CONDUCT: Declarations of Interest

The Chair asked if there were any declarations of interest. No interests were given at this time.

ENV-14/110: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No questions were received from the public

ENV-14/111: PLANNING

Members reviewed and considered the following planning application:

App No. 14/2876/OUT: Revised outline application for the erection of up to 60 residential dwellings and the re-development of the existing football facilities – Land at Thornaby Football Club, Acklam Road, Thornaby.

IT WAS RESOLVED that TTC are opposed to the application as it is the Council's policy to preserve all green wedge and when responding to re-iterate comments previously made

ENV-14/112: CLERK'S UPDATE

The clerk gave the following update:

1. Adult Gym

SBC are awaiting a response from their Countryside and Green-space team as they know more about outdoor gyms and how effective they are. As soon as that information has been given then TTC will be contacted to discuss thoughts and suggestions.

2. A174 Road Works

A leaflet on A174 works is to be sent out direct to those residents living alongside the scheme but also to be available on the web site page in the very near future

<http://www.stockton.gov.uk/regenerationandtransport/roadandpavement/majorhighwayprojects/>

SBC are also considering a more general leaflet aimed at motorists perhaps available from Hollybush PFS who they will engage with.

Following a request from Cllr Mrs Walmsley, SBC have given further consideration to extending the acoustic fence onto the Highways Agency scheme east of the roundabout and it is likely they can accommodate that suggestion (and additional

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cost) within the scheme budget but will have to await the completion of the Highways Agency contract in order to access the area. This will give greater noise reduction to properties in Sealand Close and Cranwell Grove.

A number of queries have been made about the leaning light columns. These are not yet fixed and will be vertical when finally connected.

3. Balmoral Avenue Dog Bin

No response has yet been received from SBC in regards to TTC's request about repairing the damaged dog bin and costs associated with that.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the clerk's update was accepted

ENV-14/113: RIVER USERS GROUP UPDATE

Cllr Pat Large gave members the following update from the River Users Group meeting held on Monday 27 October 2014:

- Costings for the new slipway is to be £250,000
- The work on the new canoe course has now finished
- There is to be a high profile launch of the museum behind T3
- Speed limits on the river are being exceeded. Marshalls are to be put in place to monitor
- Parts of the river have been dug out by the Wildlife Trust in preparation for the new fishing platforms
- Spraying the hogweed has now finished for winter
- There are six new officers being trained who will be ready for next year
- Fly Tipping has taken place at the Bowesfield Park Project. This is being looked into
- An Open Day at the Barrage was deemed a success however more notice needs to be given next time
- Next meeting is scheduled in for the end of January 2015

IT WAS RESOLVED that the update was accepted

ENV-14/114: PRECEPT FOR 2015/16

Members considered setting the Environment budget for the next financial year.

IT WAS RESOLVED that setting of the budget be deferred until the Precept meeting on 18 November 2014

ENV-14/115: CORRESPONDENCE – information only

No correspondence was circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Mick Moore informed members that he had just received the Summer Newsletter from the Friends of Tees Heritage Park. This was then passed to the clerk who then went on to read out the newsletter to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the newsletter was noted

ENV-14-116: COUNCILLORS REPORTS – an opportunity for members to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda. The following reports were given:

Discussions have taken place to site the Head Wrightson locomotive on the Teesdale Roundabout. Update to follow

Overgrown bushes on and near the Princess Diana Bridge have still not been cut back as previously requested

ENV-14/117: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 27th January 2015 at 6.30pm

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.25pm

Signed..... *S.M. Walsley* Dated *1/12/14*