

**Minutes of Thornaby Town Council's Environment Meeting held in the Town Hall on Monday 17 February 2014 at 6.30pm**

**Present:** Councillors Dave Kennington, Pat Large, Karina Maxwell, Steve Walmsley, Mick Moore, Corinne Moore

In attendance: Tina Mansell – Town Clerk  
Dave Munt from Lower Tees Angling Association

Minutes prepared by the Town Clerk

**ENV-14/14: NOTICE OF MEETING:**

The notice of convening the meeting was taken as read

**ENV-14/15: APOLOGIES:** To receive any apologies for absence

No apologies were received

**ENV-14/16: CODE OF CONDUCT:** Declarations of Interest

None declared

**ENV-14/17: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No questions were received from the public

**ENV-14/18: PRESENTATION FROM LOWER TEES ANGLING TRUST**

The Chair welcomed Dave Munt from the Lower Tees Angling Trust to the meeting. Dave then went on to give a brief description about what his remit is in regards to working with other organisations to ensure that fishing on the river is maintained for everyone. He informed members that if the council had any ideas on how to improve the fishing in the local area, he could assist and help to implement. Dave was informed that previously a scheme was put forward to put a platform on the river for disabled users but that had not come to fruition. Members then went on to discuss the feasibility of placing a disabled platform at the bottom of Cornfield Road because it already had good road access even though Black Bobbies field had been identified as an alternative location. Funding for the scheme was discussed with members being informed that the Angling Trust could endorse the scheme by providing supporting evidence when applying for funding. Members went on to agree that the scheme would need to be discussed the River Users Group and asked Cllr Large if she could raise it as an agenda item at the next meeting. A proposal for a site visit between Dave and Cllr Moore to discuss the scheme and location in more detail was put forward and agreed. Cllr Moore then thanked Dave for attending. Dave then left the meeting.

**RESOLVED that the scheme is to be raised as an agenda item at the next River Users Group meeting**  
**RESOLVED that Cllr Moore and Dave Munt meet at the proposed site to discuss the scheme and location in more detail**

**ENV-14/19: RIVERS USERS GROUP UPDATE**

Cllr Pat Large gave an update from the meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Members were informed that plans for platforms along the river was discussed as well as concerns about invasive non native species like Chinese mitten crabs and giant hogweed being an ongoing concern. Although there has been no sighting of the crabs, work on the giant hogweed will commence in the spring with a combination of mechanical and chemical control. This will be carried out throughout the growing season. Another concern raised at the meeting was the proposed traveller's site with a possible objection being put in. Notification on the dates and times was also given as to when the cleaning of the river would commence.

**RESOLVED that the update was accepted**

**ENV-14/20: CLERK'S UPDATE**

The clerk gave the following update on ongoing issues;

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## Dredging Works on the Tees Barrage

The downstream lock approach channel is currently heavily silted and requires clearing to ensure that it remains navigable and the rise and fall landing safe to use.

Hydrodynamic dredging will be used to flush the silt back out from the lock channel into the river. The work will be limited to the appropriate states of the tide and the specialist contractor will work around the tides during both day and night.

Silt samples have been analysed from both the channel and river and a hydrographic survey carried out to establish the exact location of the silt to be moved.

The works are planned to commence on 10th February 2014 and should take up to two weeks to complete.

A navigation restriction notice will be in place to advise boaters about the dredging and request that they book passage through the lock with the CRT Barrage office in advance to minimise potential disruption to the works.

## Footpath Closure between Selwood Close and Shackleton Close

Notice under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended the adopted footpath between Selwood Close and Shackleton Close will be temporarily closed. The closure will be from Monday 24 February 2014 until approximately 31 March 2015 in order that works associated with a new housing development can be carried out safely. Access for pedestrians will not be maintained. The Police and emergency services will be informed of the closures prior to the works commencing.

## Dog Fouling on Allison Trainer Park

After complaints of dog fouling on the Allison Trainer Park, SBC will look into to doing targeted controls. These will be looked at and maybe split down and carried out in phases.

## Dog bin request

No update has been received on the location of the dog bin for Millbank Lane/Thornaby Road

**RESOLVED that the update was noted**

## **ENV-14/21: PLANNING RESPONSE**

Members were asked to consider making a response in support of planning application 14/0066/FUL – construction of steel footbridge across Bassleton Beck.

**RESOLVED that a response is sent to SBC in support of the planning application to erect a steel footbridge across Bassleton Beck as it links the Thornaby and Ingleby trails together**

## **ENV-14/22: AREA TRANSPORT STRATEGY 2014/15**

Members were informed that two proposals for traffic calming implementation on Sherwood Road and Thornaby Green have been put forward by ward councillors to be discussed at the next Area Transport Strategy meeting. Members discussed the proposals. It was then proposed and agreed that in the interest of road safety that both schemes should be supported.

**RESOLVED that both proposals for traffic calming implementation on areas identified by ward councillors are to be supported and for the clerk to send the councils own proforma through to SBC for their consideration at the next meeting of the ATS**

## **ENV-14/23: CORRESPONDENCE – information only**

Members viewed the following correspondence:

- Email from a resident thanking TTC for placing a dog bin at the entrance to Cassie's field on Balmoral Avenue and help with getting the trees at the back of his property trimmed

**RESOLVED that all correspondence was noted**

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**ENV-14/24: COUNCILLORS REPORTS – information only**

Members enquired if there has been any progress in regards to fencing at Farrow Green. They were informed that there is no update on this as yet.

Members were informed that there is still no update as to where the Head Wrightsons locomotive removed from the roundabout opposite Halfords is to be relocated

**ENV-14/25: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

No items were put forward for the next meeting

**ENV-14/26: DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is Monday 17 March 2014 at 6.30pm

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.30pm

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