

Minutes of Thornaby Town Council's Environment Meeting held in the Town Hall on Monday 17 June 2013 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors Mick Moore, Dave Kennington, Pat Large

Minutes prepared by the Town Clerk

ENV-13/30: NOTICE OF MEETING:

The notice of convening the meeting was taken as read

ENV-13/31: APOLOGIES: To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr's Corinne Moore, Karina Maxwell and Steve Walmsley

ENV-13/32: CODE OF CONDUCT: Declarations of Interest

None declared

ENV-13/33: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No questions were received from the public

ENV-13/34: ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Members of the committee were invited to nominate a councillor to become the Chairman of the Environment committee for the ensuing year. Cllr Dave Kennington proposed Cllr Mick Moore which was seconded by Cllr Pat Large. No other nominations were received.

Resolved:

Cllr Moore is to become the Chairman of the Environment committee for the ensuing year

ENV-13/35: ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Members were invited to nominate a councillor to become the Vice-Chairman of the Environment committee for the ensuing.

Resolved:

That this be deferred until the next Environment meeting

ENV-13/36: UPDATE ON INSTALLATION OF DOG BINS

Members considered the following update on the installation of dog bins:

Woodford Walk Dog bin:

Informed by SBC that the bin with the TTC logo on it has been delivered to the depot, the installation will now be programmed in.

Completion date should be by week ending 21st June

Harold Wilson Play Area bin:

Informed by SBC that the base works were put in place on 4 June. Completion date should be by week ending 14 June

Resolved:

The update was accepted

ENV-13/37: UPDATE ON EASTERN AREA TRANSPORT STRATEGY MEETING

Members considered the following update from the last meeting of the Eastern Area Transport Strategy meeting held on Thursday 23rd May in the Golden Eagle in Thornaby:

£5,000 awarded to extend 20MPH School Safety Zones – not sure which schools yet, but could possibly include Village.

£3,000 awarded to look at full length of A1130 – Acklam Road/Mandale Road (Victoria Bridge to Mandale Interchange) – study required to reduce accidents

Street lighting schemes in Holmes & Middlefield & Stainsby Beck estates previously tabled on the agenda will now becoming under a borough wide review of street lighting. Will be tabled as an agenda item at the next meeting.

Thornaby Station Footbridge – delays are entirely due to Network Rail: this is ready to go as soon as Network Rail give the go-ahead

Millbank Lane pedestrian refuge – agreed to fund the full cost of £8,000

Middleton Avenue Traffic Calming – cannot be decided until after planning application has been decided. Will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting

Thornaby Town Centre - £5,000 awarded for investigation to create parking near Doctors by possibly removing yellow lines on Trenchard Avenue to create parking bays

Langley Avenue - £2,000 awarded to look at a feasibility study to improve traffic flow

Resolved:

The update was accepted

To contact Cllr Sylvia Walmsley to enquire if a date for the study has been set or if the study has taken place then what is the feedback from it.

To contact SBC and enquire if there is a further update on Thornaby station footbridge

ENV-13/38: HAROLD WILSON PLAY AREA

Signage: Due to complaints received in regards to older children using the new apparatus, members considered placing an age limit on the new signage that had yet to be put up.

Resolved

To contact SBC and ask them to include 'age limit up to 12 years' on the new signage

Wheelchair access swing update: Members were updated that a wheelchair access swing similar to what the council may be providing in the future is situated in Stuarts Park in Middlesbrough and that Cllr Mick Moore had spoken to them about what costs are involved.

Resolved:

To contact Middlesbrough Council and ask them to confirm the costs that had been discussed for future reference.

Fencing: Members viewed both quotes for the installation of fencing around the new play area. After consideration it was agreed that 1.2 metre high metal bow top fencing was the best option at a cost of £8687.45.

Resolved:

That the committee ask full council for the specified amount from the credited funds received from HM & Customs

ENV-13/39: DEVELOPMENT OF GREEN WEDGE

Cllr Moore gave an update of the objections that had been put forward in regards to new housing proposals re Middleton Avenue and that the date for the planning committee meeting when this will be discussed has yet to be confirmed.

Resolved:

The update was accepted

ENV-13/40: SPEED LIMIT CONCERNS

Cllr Moore informed members that there have been some concerns about speeding on Thornaby Green, Bassleton Lane and Bader Avenue. It was proposed that this item be deferred until the next full council.

Resolved:

This item be placed on the next full council agenda

ENV-13/41: VEHICLE ACCESS TO BASSLETON BECK

Members were informed that some concerns have been made about motorbike access through the entrance to Bassleton Beck via Bassleton Lane.

Resolved:

To invite Doug Nicholson from the Friends of Tees Heritage Park to the next Environment meeting.

ENV-13/42: CASSIE'S FIELD & TREES

Members discussed the email from a resident about lack of dog bins at Cassie's field and on trees at the back of their property.

Resolved:

To pass both concerns on to the ward councillors for their consideration.

ENV-13/43: BUS SHELTERS

Concerns about the ongoing problem about the perspex in the bus shelters constantly being replaced due to vandalism was discussed. Members were informed that bus shelters in Redcar were designed with a steel screen instead of perspex therefore making the shelter less vandal proof and more cost effective.

Resolved:

To contact Redcar Council and ask them to provide a photograph of their bus shelters. Once this has been received then this to be sent along with a letter to SBC asking them to reconsider the designs of their bus shelters.

ENV-13/44: CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received

ENV-13/45: COUNCILLORS REPORT & ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No reports were given and no items for future agenda were put forward.

ENV-13/46: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Monday 12th August at 7.00pm

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed.....Dated.....

