

Minutes of Thornaby Town Council's Environment Meeting held in the Town Hall on Monday 9 September 2013 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors Mick Moore, Dave Kennington, Pat Large, Karina Maxwell

Minutes prepared by the Town Clerk

ENV-13/47: NOTICE OF MEETING:

The notice of convening the meeting was taken as read

ENV-13/48: APOLOGIES: To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Steve Walmsley and Corinne Moore

ENV-13/49: CODE OF CONDUCT: Declarations of Interest

None declared

ENV-13/50: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No questions were received from the public

ENV-13/51: ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

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

Resolved:

That Cllr Dave Kennington is to become the Vice-Chairman of the Environment committee for the ensuing year

ENV-13/52: CLERK'S UPDATE

Members considered the following update from the clerk in regards to issues raised at the last meeting:

• Thornaby Footbridge:

Awaiting a reply to the email sent to SBC asking them for a further update on Thornaby footbridge since the last Eastern Area Transport Strategy meeting.

• Wheelchair Access Swing:

Awaiting a reply to the email sent to Middlesbrough Council asking them if they could supply costs for the wheelchair access swing that they have in Stuarts Park.

No reply received from Falck Nutech re our request to help with funding

• Harold Wilson fencing:

Council agreed funding at the last meeting. Fencing has now been ordered.

• Age appropriate signage for Harold Wilson:

SBC are now highlighting the appropriate age ranges for each item of play equipment on each site the signs will have all the information on

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

● **Acklam Road/Mandale Road Study**

No date had yet been set for the study to take place on reducing accidents on Acklam Road/ Mandale Road but should be before the next meeting of the Eastern Area Transport Strategy Board in November.

● **Bus Shelters**

Waiting to receive information from Redcar Council re supplier of their bus shelters

● **Motorbike access through entrance to Basselton Beck Valley via Basselton Lane**

Groundwork NE, the accountable body for the project are aware of the concerns and additional bollards are to be erected shortly to help deter motorbike access. The additional bollards will be installed in line with the recommended dimensions for an off-set bollard as recommended by Sustrans (information provided by Technical Services at SBC)

Resolved:

The update was accepted

ENV-13/53: WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE SWING

Members were informed that an organisation called Impetus were interested in funding the new wheelchair access swing as well as some other equipment for the Harold Wilson play area. It was agreed by all members that adult exercise equipment which was to be discussed as the next agenda item could also be incorporated on to the site as well.

Resolved:

That Cllr Mick Moore will contact Impetus to discuss funding for the wheelchair and adult exercise equipment on the Harold Wilson play area

ENV-13/54: ADULT EXERCISE

Resolved

That this was incorporated into the last agenda item

ENV-13/55: SPITFIRE PLANE

Members were informed that the plane was looking dirty and considered the proposal to have the plane cleaned up. The clerk informed members that she had contacted SBC in regards to this matter and that she had received a reply in which they stated that there was a small amount of surface dust/dirt on the belly of the plane although this is not significant and not noticeable. The structure could be cleaned with a soft brush on an extendable pole hooked up to a mobile water supply but that there were associated costs and health and safety issues to consider. Their recommendation based upon a site visit would leave the structure as it is, monitor it in the future and only undertake works if it is required as a result of a noticeable build up of dirt from passing traffic and weather.

Resolved:

That the cleaning of the plane be deferred until the Environment meeting held in either January or February.
That outside funding be looked into

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ENV-13/56: CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was circulated

ENV-13/57: COUNCILLORS REPORT & ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Update on the Locomotive which was removed from the riverside road roundabout

ENV-13/58: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Monday 14 October 2013 at 7.00pm

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.20pm

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

