



COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Five Year Plan Advisory Committee was held via Zoom Video Conference on Thursday November 17th 2022 starting at 10am.

Present

Voting:- Cllrs Steve Herra (Chairman); Graham Chillcott; Jackie Rhodes; Sylvia Wiggins

Non Voting:- Mr. David Rigby – Clerk and RFO

A G E N D A (with DRAFT notes of discussion)

1. Apologies for absence.

None

2. Declarations of Interest.

None

3. Review of notes of previous meeting (Sept 8th 2022)

All members present at the September 8th 2022 meeting were happy that the notes of the previous meeting accurately reflected the discussions. Re Item 9 from that meeting JR reported that she has had been unable to find her copy of the previous Parish Footpaths booklet so DR will check the papers he holds to see if he can find a copy.

ACTION – DR to check footpath files (physical and electronic)

4. Update on Parish Environmental Activities (JR)

JR reported that following a meeting involving the Greening Copythorne Team (“GCT”) and DR on October 20th 2022, the GCT had started work on clearance of vegetation on both the outside of Splitwind Pond and the edges/banks of the pond itself. Removal of more vegetation further into the pond will be undertaken once guidance had been received from Natural England on the extent of work that can be allowed without a licence to ensure that the habitat for Great Crested newts is preserved. Further projects being looked at by the GCT include flower borders nearside roadsides; and potential sites for orchards. A visit to the Sustainability Centre near East Meon is being considered. With regards to continued work on Splitwind Pond JR will review the GCT Risk Assessments already in place regarding the Health and Safety of those working on the pond as volunteers. Also need to consider potential signage to warn the public not to enter the pond.

ACTION – JR to provide copies of GCT Risk Assessments to DR

ACTION – DR to discuss signage etc with Council’s insurers and report back.

5. Update on Benches Project (DR)

GC and DR have agreed on Monday December 5th 2022 as a date to inspect the condition of all the Parish Council owned benches. Following which a maintenance programme will be drawn up for consideration by the Five Year Plan Advisory Committee (5YPAC”) for presentation to Council for spending approval.

ACTION – DR/GC to report back to next 5YPAC meeting on outcome of inspections (or direct to Council if more urgent action required)

6. Update on Telephone Boxes Project (GC)

GC reported that he is still working on a solution for the broken glazing bar in the Winsor Road box but that whilst the temporary repair remains in place there is no urgency.

7. Update on Noticeboard replacement programme (DR)

DR advised that the likely cost of replacement for the final two “old” noticeboards was circa £2.8-3.0k. He will discuss with District/County Councillors what help they may be able to provide.

ACTION – DR to talk to District/County Councillors re possible grants

8. Discussion of other matters relating to the Aims and Responsibilities of the Five Year Plan Advisory Committee.

SW asked if work could be undertaken on bus shelter (Graffiti clearance; new coat of wood preserver; vegetation cut back).

ACTION – DR to visit bus shelter and consider works for Lengthsman

JR asked if consideration could be given to installing “village gates” by the roadside east of the Haywain as a potential method of slowing speeding vehicles. All present asked what the cost might be.

ACTION – DR to investigate cost and report back to 5YPAC.

9. Agree date for next meeting

Friday March 3rd 2023, 10am

Meeting ended at 10.48am

Copythorne Parish Council – Five Year Plan AC Meeting – Nov 17th 2022

Item 3 – Review of notes of previous meeting (Sept 8th 2022)

A meeting of the Five Year Plan Advisory Committee was held via Zoom Video Conference on Thursday September 8th 2022 starting at 10am.

Present

Voting:- Cllrs Steve Herra; Graham Chillcott; Jackie Rhodes;

Non Voting:- Mr. David Rigby – Clerk and RFO

A G E N D A (with DRAFT notes of discussion)

- 1. Apologies for absence.**
None
- 2. Declarations of Interest.**
None
- 3. Review of notes of previous meeting (May 27th 2022)**
All members present at the May 27th 2022 meeting were happy that the notes of the previous meeting accurately reflected the discussions
- 4. Update on Parish Environmental Activities (JR)**
JR reported that the July 14th 2022 meeting of the Greening Campaign was well attended. Focus of discussions was on moving forward on the “three Pillars”
Wellbeing Pillar - The “Men’s Shed” idea is gaining momentum and the owners of a couple of possible locations have come forward.
Making room for Nature Pillar – The idea of ponds and wildflower planting is being prioritised with help offered to work on Splitwind Pond. JR is looking to arrange a meeting to discuss this. DR will attend.
Greener Homes Pillar – Work on this will go forward with support from HCC
ACTION – JR to advise DR of date of meeting re Splitwind Pond “tidy up”
- 5. Update on Benches Project (DR)**
DR explained that previously reported the completion of the Noticeboards Project (2 to go) has been the priority but we do need to survey the benches to check condition. GC has agreed to help DR complete this task.
ACTION – GC and DR to agree a date, undertake checks and report back
- 6. Update on Telephone Boxes Project (GC)**
GC was sorry to report on a recent act of vandalism at the Winsor Road box. A temporary repair has been effected and quotes sort for a more permanent repair. The repainting of the Newbridge box has been affected by firstly really good and then really bad weather.
- 7. Update on Noticeboard replacement programme (DR)**
DR advised that he will shortly be obtaining quotes for the final two boards and looking into how they can be funded.

8. **Update on Parishioner Issues raised at Platinum Jubilee Fun Day (DR)**
DR went through his responses to the 16 issues raised. A few amendments were requested by those present and a revised version of the report to be published is attached (Additions in italics, single deletion struck through). The report will now be shared with all councillors, published on our website; and summarised in a Parish Newsletter article and on our Facebook page.
9. **Discussion of other matters relating to the Aims and Responsibilities of the Five Year Plan Advisory Committee.**
JR asked if the Five Year Plan Advisory Committee could look at producing a booklet on the Public Rights of Way in the Parish as a way of encouraging more people to walk them. Those present agreed it was an issue worth exploring.
ACTION – JR to provide DR with a copy of a similar version she thinks she still has
10. **Agree date for next meeting**
Thursday November 17th 2022, 10am

Meeting closed at 10.50am