

KELVEDON PARISH COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15 February 2010 in the Council Chamber

Present: Cllr H Siggers in the Chair
Cllrs Mrs J Anderson N Ezra Mrs L Hill
Clerk Ms L R Fuller

E25/2009-10 Apologies for Absence
Cllrs Dixon and Dossett

E26/2009-10 Confirmation of Minutes
The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19 October 2009 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

E27/2009-10 Declarations of Interest
None

E28/2009-10 Matters for Report
28.1 High Street Car Park

Cllr Siggers reported that he would be able to spray the weeds in the car park with his new equipment, and using a new longer-lasting chemical; this offer was gratefully accepted.

E29/2009-10 Emergency Planning Sub-Committee
The committee noted that the Emergency Planning Sub-Committee had met on 8 February 2010; the minutes were not yet available.
It was agreed that the Plan would be referred to the Council with a recommendation for approval, and that the Council needed to consider arrangements for access to the upstairs office in an emergency situation.

E30/2009-10 Application for grant
The application for a grant of £250 from Kelvedon URC towards the maintenance costs of the churchyard and graveyard was agreed.
Power: LGA 1972 s214

E31/2009-10 High Street Car Park – Boundary with Kelvedon House
The committee noted the request for information from the Chief Executive of Autism Anglia about the current plans for the proposed brick wall between the car park and the boundary of Kelvedon House. It was confirmed that there were no plans to build the wall at present.
It was agreed that the broken fencing should be mended.

E32/2009-10 Planters and Tubs
Cllrs Mrs Anderson, Ezra and Mrs Hill declared a personal interest in this item as they were members of the Kelvedon in Bloom Committee.

32.1 Licences

The committee noted that Essex County Council should be issuing licences for the tubs and planters from 1 April 2010.

32.2 Agreement with Kelvedon in Bloom

The agreement with Kelvedon in Bloom was finalised as follows:

- 1 KPC will assume ownership of the planters.
- 2 KPC will take out licences with Essex County Council (ECC) for placing the planters on the highway.
- 3 Planters will be located on sites agreed between KPC and KIB and must not

- infringe the rules of the ECC licence.
- 4 In assuming responsibility for the planters, when in position they will be covered by KPC's public liability insurance.
- 5 KPC will not insure the planters against damage etc.
- 6 Replacement of any damaged or unusable planters will not be KPC's responsibility.
- 7 KIB will be responsible for filling and maintaining the planters, and will bear the cost of this provided KIB has sufficient funds available. If there are insufficient funds, some planters may need to be removed.
- 8 KIB will be responsible for public liability insurance for their volunteers to a minimum level of £5m.
- 9 When working on the planters, KIB volunteers must implement normal safety precautions.
- 10 After planting, KIB will leave the sites tidy with no litter.
- 11 KPC will continue to consider annual grant applications made by KIB.

E33/2009-10 Allotments

Cllr Siggers declared a personal interest in this item, as he was an allotment tenant but had no prejudicial interest.

33.1 New allotment area

The committee noted the take-up of newly released allotment plots and that the horse owner did not now wish to rent additional land. It was agreed to advertise the availability of allotment plots widely.

33.2 Damage caused by skip lorry

The committee noted the report of damage caused by the skip lorry. It was agreed there was no need to repair any damage to the track; the chairman would visit the site to see if the ditch by the entrance required attention.

33.3 Provision of a skip

The committee agreed that there was now no need to provide a skip on site annually and this would cease.

E34/2009-10 Bridge at the bottom of Feering Hill

It was agreed to paint the bridge at the bottom of the hill as a joint project with Feering Parish Council, providing half the labour and half the cost of materials.

E35/2009-10 Christmas Lights

35.1 2009 and 2010

There was no report on the operation of the scheme in 2009. The committee requested a report to the next meeting from the Christmas Lights Working Group.

It was agreed to purchase a small set of LED lights to trial in 2010, at a cost of about £40. It was likely that replacement light strings would be required in future years and the committee would ensure it included the cost of these in its budgetary requirements for future years.

35.2 Payment for electricity – Kelvedon Clocks

It was agreed to pay for the electricity for the lights on Kelvedon Clocks, at the same level as on the Old Post Office, as the premises were mainly residential.

E36/2009-10 Brockwell Meadows

Cllr Ezra declared a personal interest as a member of the Brockwell Group, and Cllrs Mrs Anderson, Ezra and Mrs Hill declared personal interests as committee members of Kelvedon in Bloom.

The committee noted the letter from the Brockwell Group and agreed the proposals for the 2010 activities. It also agreed that if the Brockwell Group merged with Kelvedon in Bloom, then the current working arrangement with the Brockwell Group relating to Brockwell Meadows could be transferred to KIB.

E37/2009-10 Street Furniture/Post Box

37.1 Dog bin

Braintree District Council would be asked to install a dog bin around the area of the junction of Church Road, Dowches Gardens and the alley past the old George public house.

37.2 Public seat – reference from Council

It was agreed to put forward a proposal for a seat at Bridgefoot for next year's budget (2011/12).

37.3 Possible new Post Box

Deferred to next meeting due to lack of time to discuss.

E38/2009-10 A12 Rivenhall End junction improvements

The committee objected strongly to a suggestion that a weight restriction should be placed on Oak Road, Rivenhall, from the A12 to the T junction.

E39/2009-10 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 26 May 2010 at 7 p.m.

Signed:

Date: