



EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Fishponds Committee Meeting
in the Bartholomew Room at 6.30pm
on Tuesday 28 January 2020

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Sue Osborne (Committee Chairman), Cllr Gordon Beach, Cllr Sue Brown and Cllr Carl Rylett.

In attendance: Katherine Doughty, Clerk to the Council. One member of public was present.

20/F1 To receive apologies for absence – Cllr Nick Relph was not present.

20/F2 To receive Declarations of Interest in agenda items – None.

20/F3 To review the minutes of the meeting of 30 July 2019 – The minutes were approved at the Full Council meeting on 13 August 2019.

20/F4 Public Participation - to receive submissions from members of the public relating to items on the agenda, in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct and Standing Orders - None.

20/F5 To receive correspondence and agree actions - None.

20/F6 To review the Work Schedule in conjunction with Ubico's tasks – Cllr Rylett joined the meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk request Ubico undertake 3 cuts of the wildflower meadow leaving the arisings on the ground for the second cut only (the other 2 cuts to be collected). Clerk is to make minor amendments to the Work Schedule.

20/F7 To review the Risk Assessment form and agree actions – Clerk showed photos taken of the dipping pond from August 2018 to date. Varying water levels and quantities of pond weed/sedges growth were noted. Work to remove weed/grass growth on the wheelchair ramp is noted for the next working party event.

20/F8 To discuss the overhang on FP 206/3 (Chilbrook) and agree actions – The Countryside Service has reported the overhang problem on their system (ref. 28010). In view of the land being prone to flooding there are no measures the Countryside Service can take. Additionally, as the footpath is on public land, there is less urgency to address the problem. The Fishponds Committee is to continue monitoring the situation. The Countryside Service is to be contacted should any drastic changes occur or if there is an immediate safety risk. The distance between the footpath fence and the inner edge of the overhang is currently 2.5ft.

20/F9 To consider quotes for removal of the pond sedges in 2020 – Advice received from Freshwater Habitats is to leave the sedge clearance work until September/October due to early plant growth this season. Clerk is to arrange a meeting with James Gillies, Cllr Osborne and the previous Chair of the Fishponds Committee with a view to obtaining a quote for this work and other future projects to be funded by S106 money.

20/F10 To review income and expenditure against budget – The financial information was reviewed.

20/F11 To consider S106 priorities – Clerk is to arrange to meet James Gillies to obtain quotes for the sluice gate and outflow channel work.

20/F12 Date of next meeting – to be advised. Councillors and residents are to refer to the published meeting agendas for confirmed dates/times.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.