



## ENVIRONMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021** via zoom at **7pm**.

**Present:** Councillor C Edwards  
Councillor R Higginson  
Councillor K Arbuthnot  
Councillor G Jones  
Councillor Y Brunger  
Councillor A Wilson (Ex Officio)

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)

**E2021/054 Welcome**

The Chairman, Councillor Edwards, welcomed Members to the meeting of the Environment & Rights of Way Committee.

**E2021/055 Election of Chairman**

Councillor C Edwards Proposed by Cllr R Higginson  
Seconded by Cllr G Jones

**RESOLVED that Councillor C Edwards be Chairman for 2021/22.**

**E2021/056 Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Councillor Edwards read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was witnessed by the Clerk.

**E2021/057 Apologies for absence**

Cllr C Rogers No reason given

**E2021/058 Election of Vice Chairman**

Cllr K Arbuthnot Proposed by Cllr C Edwards  
Seconded by Cllr R Higginson

**RESOLVED that Councillor K Arbuthnot be Vice Chairman for 2021/22.**

**E2021/059 Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Councillor Arbuthnot read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was witnessed by the Clerk.

**E2021/060 Terms of Reference**

The Chairman proposed that the Terms of Reference be confirmed, this was seconded by Councillor Arbuthnot and all were in favour.

- E2021/061**      **Declarations of Interest**  
None
- E2021/062**      **Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021**  
It was proposed by Councillor Higginson and seconded by Councillor Jones, all were in favour and thus it was
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| <b>RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 be signed as a true record.</b> |
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- E2021/063**      **Matters Arising from the Meeting, not otherwise on the Agenda**
- Alleged noise nuisance**  
Environmental Health Officers have visited Log-a-Log and it is anticipated that a Planning Application will be submitted.
- Overgrown hedge in Marsh Road**  
This is the responsibility of the landowner. However, it has been reported to TWC who may be able to contact the Landowner and enforce the necessary work.
- Dog Poo Signs**  
Cllr Allan Wilson has more, if they are needed anywhere in the Parish. It is hoped that they can be removed in the Summer and that this situation has improved. Updates on facebook will be provided and thanks were extended to Councillor Wilson for putting the signs in place.
- Dog Poo Bag holders**  
The Chairman thanked Councillor Brunger for her work to raise awareness of the problem and to encourage use of poo bags and appropriate disposal. However, it is disappointing that this has been abused and the containers will be removed in the coming weeks.
- E2021/064**      **Rights of Way**
- Newport Road – Path to Green Lane**  
The Parish Council has liaised with Newport Town Council as this is not in our Parish.
- Cheney Hill**  
Newport Town Council has requested a kissing gate to improve access at this location.
- Bayley Hills Field**  
Councillor Arbuthnot would like HAU to considered the amendment to the route along the fenced off section as this is a benefit to the University and to the users of the footpath.
- E2021/065**      **Parish Environmental Maintenance**
- Wild Flower Areas**  
A meeting is to take place with TWC to identify areas suitable for wild flowers, this is not only good for the environment and wildlife but it also reduces the cost and implications of verge cutting within a climate change environment.
- Shrewsbury Road Car Park – Flower Beds**  
Thanks were extended to Cllr Brunger and the team for their work to improve the flower beds at Shrewsbury Road Car Park. It was agreed that bark will be used to keep the area moist and to prevent robust weed growth.
- E2021/066**      **MUGA and Children’s Play Area**  
TWC has undertaken some maintenance on the children’s play area with the provision of two new

swing seats and bark. It would be interesting to see the most recent RoSPA report to ascertain the current condition of the play equipment, in accordance with RoSPA guidelines. TWC has provided bark for the site, this needs raking back to under the play equipment for additional safety.

A replacement sign for the entrance has been provided by TWC.

The rear of the seats at the MUGA are showing rust patches – this will be reported to TWC.

**E2021/067      Climate Change**

The TWC Climate Change Strategy consultation starts today. Everyone is encouraged to respond. A link will be added to facebook.

**E2021/068      Any Other Business  
Church Field / Cemetery Extension**

Thanks are extended to everyone involved in the work on the Church Field.

**Green Canopy**

This will be added to the next agenda so that the Parish Council can consider appropriate places for tree planting and in particular a commemorative oak tree for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. Although the celebrations are in June 2022, the tree will need to be planted between October and March. Cllr Wilson agreed to visit the School and to talk with the Headteacher about tree planting with the children.

**E2021/069      Date of the next meeting**

This will be arranged after the site visit with Adrian Corney, TWC.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50pm.

Signed .....Date .....