Highcliffe & Walkford Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of **Environment sub-committee** held on 16th September 2024 at 18:30 in The Old School House, 254 Lymington Road, Highcliffe.

Present: Cllr R Ede (Chair), Cllr A Sofianos, Cllr T Butcher, Cllr S Walter, Cllr A Martin

In attendance: the clerk, Tom Brindley, the assistant clerk, Nicki France.

25E/13 (Agenda Item 1) Apologies for Absence: None

25E/14 (Agenda Item 2) Chair's remarks:

14.1 The chair welcomed the members and officers.

14.2 Members were reminded to make any declarations of interest ahead of any items to be discussed.

25E/15 (Agenda Item 3) Minutes of meeting of 4th June 2024

The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the chair.

25E/16 (Agenda Item 4) Nea Meadows

16.1 Public Consultation on land adjacent to car park

16.1.1 The clerk shared with members redacted examples of the consultation responses about land adjacent to the car park at Nea Meadows.

16.1.2 The Chair expressed thanks to the Clerk and Assistant Clerk on their hard work with distribution of leaflets to the neighbouring properties surrounding the meadows.

16.1.3 The clerk advised he would bring a tabulated report to the next meeting.

16.2 Drainage at Moonrakers Way entrance

16.2.1 The clerk updated members on the current issues with drainage and members noted the two options in the report.

16.2.2 Members requested the clerk to obtain additional quotes for the cost of improving the drainage.

16.3 Meadow mowing regime.

16.3.1 The clerk shared with members images of the meadow following the recent mowing of the meadow.

16.3.2 Cllr A Sofianos quoted from a recent email from Dr Gleed-Owen regarding the collection of the grass cuttings suggesting that some or all of it has not been collected.

16.3.3 Members **requested** the clerk to follow this up.

16.4 Habitat Management Plan

16.4.1 Members noted reptile survey had, found no evidence of the presence of reptiles.

16.4.2 Members agreed to invite Dr Gleed-Owen to the next meeting.

25E/17 (Agenda Item 5) Lakewood

17.1 Site management plan and agreement with Friends of Lakewood

17.1.1 Members noted the current Site Management Plan for Lakewood for March 2022-March 2025.

17.1.2 Members requested the clerk to invite Friends of Lakewood to the next Amenities Committee meeting to discuss the site management post March 2025.

17.2 Lakewood tree replacement

17.2.1 Members noted that, following the removal of diseased trees, the TPO Planning Permission required that four new trees need to be replanted (3x Common Alder and 1x English Oak)

17.2.2 The clerk advised he would obtain quotes on the work identified above.

25E/18 (Agenda Item 6) Shoreline project

18.1 Cllr Andy Martin reported that BCP Officers are currently working on the project proposal. A report will be published in the Autumn.

25E/19 (Agenda Item 7) High Street Paving Project

19.1 Cllr Andy Martin reported BCP officers are preparing a costed proposal to update the 1,970 sqm area of pavement which needs repairing.

25E/20 (Agenda Item 8) Sea Front Toilets

20.1 The chair invited the chair of the Friars Cliff Beach hut Owners Association (FCBHA)who made a verbal presentation on the poor state of the sea front toilets, from Highcliffe to Mudeford Quay.

20.2 Members noted the concerns and the recommendations on ideas on how these facilities could be improved.

20.3 Members **RESOLVED** to support this proposal, which would be renamed the 'Highcliffe, Friars Cliff and Christchurch Toilet Facilities Improvement' proposal.

25E/21 (Agenda Item 9) Biodiversity working party.

21.1 Cllr Adam Sofianos reported following a meeting earlier in the year there was nothing new to report.

21.2 Cllr Sofianos agreed to provide an update to the next Amenities Committee meeting.

25E/22 (Agenda Item 10) Highway signage

22.1 The chair reported that he has not yet followed this action through and will in due course.

25E/23 (Agenda Item 11) Date of the next scheduled meeting

23.1 The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday 11th February 2025.

23.2 Members agreed an interim meeting was required.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 19.35 pm.

Signed …….. Date……..

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