

**CLAYTON-LE-WOODS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018 AT 8.00PM**  
**AT CHORLEY BUSINESS CENTRE, EUXTON**

**PRESENT:** Councillor M Gallagher (Chair)  
Councillor M Clifford  
Councillor J Cronshaw  
Councillor S Edwards-Williams  
Councillor J Norris  
Councillor G Ormston  
Councillor D Rogerson

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor C Billouin  
Councillor C Bromilow  
Mrs G Egan (Project Officer)  
Mrs TD Morris (Clerk)

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>18.29 APOLOGIES</b>	There were no apologies.	
<b>18.30 DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	There was a declaration of Interest from Councillor M Clifford as an associate of the Wildlife Trust and Councillor M Gallagher as an Officer of the Environment Agency and supporter of Two Trees Community Project.	
<b>18.31 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2018</b>	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes held on 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2018 were approved as a correct record subject to the following change as Councillor S Edwards-Williams was in attendance and were duly signed by the Chair.	
<b>18.32 MATTERS ARISING</b>	<p><b>Leonora Carrington Plaque</b>  The Project Officer reported that she and Councillor G Ormston would continue to liaise with each other and report back to the committee in due course.</p>	<b>GO/PO</b>

**Silent Soldier/Silhouette Installations**

The project Officer reported that the removal and installation of the silhouette at the Memorial Garden to the flowerbed on the corner of Clayton Brook Road would cost some £100.00.

There were several suggestions of other possible places where the silhouette could be sited. It was also suggested that the silhouette could be donated to the War Memorial Committee in due course.

After due discussion it was agreed that the Silhouette be left in-situ for the time being.

**18.15 Whittle Spinney Footpaths**

It was reported that the footpaths had been completed and were greatly appreciated by the residents.

It was noted that the link paths were not in the best condition and it was proposed that the parish council approach the Woodland Trust to offer assistance through a grant (CIL) to upgrade the paths. It was agreed to go ahead with the proposed course of action.

It was requested that the Project Officer approach the Woodland Trust to advise them of the offer and report back in due course.

PO

**18.33 TWO TREES COMMUNITY GARDEN**

The Chair explained that the Two Trees Community Group had previously funded the provision of a wildflower meadow on their patch of land. The group wished to plant the meadow again in 2019 however Chorley Council were not able to fund the groundwork that was required.

It was proposed that the Two Trees Community Group could apply to the parish council for a grant for the project. It was noted that the community group had some funds already available to assist with the overall cost.

The committee voted on the proposal and there were 6 in favour and one abstention.

It was recommended that the Two Trees Community Garden group apply for grant funding through the normal channels.

Clerk/MG

**18.34 BUDGET PROPOSALS 2019/20**

The members were provided with a breakdown of the budget allocation for environment Committee.

After due consideration the budget plans were formalised for 2019/20 for submission to Finance Committee for consideration in the final budget.

Clerk

**18.35 REPORT ON BACK LANE WOODS**

**Woodland Management Plan**

As requested Councillor G Ormston provided the committee with an outline Woodland Management Plan for their scrutiny.

There was an in depth discussion whether the woodland should continue to be managed in house going forward or to recommend that an outside agency manage the woodland. It was noted that the aim for the woods was for it to be a community nature reserve for the use of the community.

The proposal was to have the woodland managed professionally.

The vote was 6 in favour and one against recommending a professionally managed solution at the next full parish council meeting.

FPC

**Woodland Management Scheme**

The Project Officer reported that she had been in contact with a number of contractors who had expressed an interest; however no formal responses had been received.

It was requested that the Project Officer chase up the contractors and report back in due course.

PO

The meeting was suspended at 9.25pm and the items not discussed would be added as agenda items at the next meeting

Clerk

**18.36 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date for the next meeting is to be arranged for Monday 28th January 2019 at 7.00pm