

**CLAYTON-LE-WOODS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY 2017 AT 7.00PM**  
**AT CLAYTON GREEN LIBRARY**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Mrs G Ormston (Chair)  
Councillor R Boyd  
Councillor M Clifford  
Councillor D Rogerson  
Councillor E Whiteford  
Councillor A Whitham

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr J Norris (Tree Warden)  
Mrs TD Morris (Clerk)

	<b>ACTION</b>
<p><b>WELCOME/INTRODUCTION</b></p> <p>Councillor G Ormston welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Mr J Norris (Parish Tree Warden) to the meeting.</p>	
<p><b>17.01 APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>There were no apologies received.</p>	
<p><b>17.02 DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>There was a declaration of Interest from Councillors A Whitham and M Clifford about membership of the Wildlife Trust.</p>	
<p><b>17.03 APPROVAL OF NOTES FROM MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016</b></p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016 were approved as a correct record and were duly signed by the Chair. With the amendment that Chorley Council were on the recommended list of grass cutting contractors.</p>	
<p><b>17.04 MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>	

## **17.05 REVIEW OF CHRISTMAS TREE 2016**

Initially the committee wished to commend all those who were involved in providing the Christmas tree, lights and star as it had been very well received throughout the community.

Councillor M Clifford explained that there had been several challenges which had arisen regarding the quality of the Christmas tree and the placement and number of lights that were fitted; however, these had been resolved as discussed at the FPC meeting.

The proposed plan for 2017 was to have members of the working group visit a Christmas tree supplier and select a suitable tree in situ before it was delivered.

It was also proposed to compare the cost of buying a set of lights versus hiring over a period of 5 years. It could be that the parish could then purchase a lighting control unit which could potentially offer a twinkling/ripple effect as well as a light colour change. This could offer a fresh effect each year.

The following queries were raised:

There had been questions asked whether this scheme could be extended to other areas in Clayton Brook and on Spring Meadow near the parish community centre.

### **Spring Meadow**

After due consideration, it was decided that due to concerns of vandalism and loitering the indoor tree at the community centre would be the most prudent option.

### **Clayton Brook**

It was noted that if any agency wished to apply for a grant for enhancing the external Christmas tree in Clayton Brook it would be considered by the Finance Committee.

There was a discussion of planting a Christmas tree in the future as a sustainable option in the long term.

## **17.06 MANAGEMENT OF BACK LANE WOODS AND PONDS**

Councillor G Ormston reported that she had been in negotiations with two land surveying firms who had submitted differing quotations. She had requested a full methodology prior to making a final decision.

GO

**17.07 HANGING BASKETS 2017**

The committee were informed that Plantscape had been contacted and had quoted the same price for the Clayton Brook leg of the floral display as for the existing display within the parish.

Chorley Council had also been approached and the costs were to be issued shortly.

However, there would be on costs for the initial installation of the hanging baskets in Clayton Brook and both contractors would be quoting for the installation of the requisite brackets.

It was requested that the clerk obtain the outstanding quotations as soon as was practicable.

TM

**17.08 GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT 2017**

The members were informed that each of the contractors suggested had been contacted and at this stage only Chorley Council had responded.

It was requested that the clerk pursue the contractors and have finalised the options by the end of February 2017.

TM

**17.09 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Land Opposite the Pines**

The members were advised that the parish were investigating the possibility with Chorley Council that they purchase the land near the Memorial Garden to preserve the open space for the community.

Chorley Council had responded that they would consider issuing a licence for the land but the time frame had not been finalised. Once the information was known the proposal would be tabled at the FPC.

It was requested that this topic be an agenda item at the next committee meeting.

MC/ENV

It was noted that the Clayton Hall site was of value to the community and it should be protected if an opportunity arises in the future.

**2. Whittle Spinney (Clayton-le-Woods)**

Councillor M Clifford reported that the new pathways had been churned up by motorcyclists. It was requested that the police and the Woodland Trust be contacted and made aware of the situation.

MC

It was noted that the paths leading to Whittle Spinney required maintenance. It was requested that the clerk contact Chorley to request that the paths be reinstated.

TM

**3. Dog Fouling**

The committee had been made aware of the increased level of dog fouling within the parish. It was requested that Chorley Council be notified of the situation and that appropriate action be taken.

MC

**4. Blocked Pavement on Radburn Brow**

It was reported that the pavement near to the Lord Nelson and Carr Brook trim trail were overflowing with leaves which made it unsafe for pedestrians and needed clearing. It was requested that Chorley Council be contacted and advised of the situation.

MC

**5. Rubbish Clear Up Day**

The members were informed that a date was to be finalised to have a clear up day within the parish boundary. It was noted that Spring Meadow and Clayton Brook have their prearranged days.

MC

**17.10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

No items were deemed confidential.

**17.11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The would be arranged at the next FPC meeting.