

**Minutes of Highways and Environment Committee  
held at the Library/Community Centre on Tuesday, 2 February 2010**

**Present:-** Cllrs C Bament, I Barratt, B Chattaway, Mrs A Gunnett, M Lacey, Mrs E Nunn, S Pointer and Mrs E Wiig

**In Attendance:** One member of the public

**10/001e Apologies:** Cllrs F Wiig and S Gilkes

**10/002e Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest on agenda items

**10/003e Minutes of last Meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2009 were approved and signed

**10/004e Matters Arising:**

There were no matters arising, which were not already on the agenda.

***10/005e Cost for Legal fees Associated with the Community Centre to become a Charitable Organisation***

It was resolved to approve the cost for legal fees associated with the Community Centre to become a Charitable Organisation up to £750. Proposed by Cllr E Wiig Seconded by Cllr B Chattaway. all in favour, with no objections. It was also agreed to allow the Clerk to arrange payment of the bill within 14 Days to save interest being charged if this needed to be done before a Full Council Meeting was held. A special council meeting is to be arranged with the solicitor to discuss this matter.

***10/006e Report on Feasibility of a Late Night Bus Service***

During a discussion in which all Cllr stated a view, Cllr E Wiig showed concern over any liability that the Council may be liable to in case of any accidents or anti social behaviour, there was also concern as to what cost the Council may have to under write. It was suggested that the item be brought up at the next meeting in April and contact be made with the NCC Passenger Transport Dept for advice on the matter.

***10/007e Report on Work to Relocate the Millennium Garden Steps***

It was noted that the County Council wish to relocate the Millennium Garden steps further along, to allow for a new access to the new Children's Centre to be made. All the work will be carried out by the County Council.

***10/008e U3A Gardening Group to Carry Out Maintenance Work in the Millennium Garden***

The gardening group of the U3A have offered to maintain the Millennium Garden. Cllr E Nunn is to pass on to the U3A our appreciation of their help and suggest they may like to carry out work on the flower beds out side the Community Centre in Spratton Road as well as the Millennium Garden, dependant on the number who wish to help.

***10/009e Report on NCC Highways Parish Enhancement Gangs Work***

NCC will provide two dedicated gangs to work with Parish Councils to undertake minor improvement/safety works as agreed between area teams and the PC Highway representative. This was noted.

### ***10/010e Report on Changes to Highways Street Lighting***

Changes to street lighting means that Parishes may need to look at changing their street lighting lamp types. In addition parishes with any street lighting mounted on wooden poles, which no longer carries overhead cables, need to check to see if ownership of the poles was passed to the pc. Some wooden poles may need replacing in time with standard lamps. E-ON offer a service to check the current situation and make recommendations on what needs to be replaced in the future. This was noted.

### ***10/011e Committee's Risk Assessment***

This was explained by the Chairman and agreed it was to remain the same as 2009, but would need revising if the Community Centre was to become a Charitable Trust..

### ***10/012e Mobile Cinema***

Cllr E Nunn explained the way this could work, it appears that the Council would be responsible for setting up the room and the sale of the tickets, it was commented that the Clerk already has enough to do without extra commitments of this type. The committee decided to wait for any response from the village.

### **Urgent Matters For Report Only**

#### ***10/013e Kennel Terrace***

A resident from Kennel Terrace spoke to the Committee with regards to concern she has about the two Sycamore trees outside her gates having work done on them, as a neighbour has stated that they need cutting back as they are stopping light getting into his house. The Chairman ensured that following talks with DDC and NCC no work would be allowed to be carried out on the trees unless they were a danger to the highway or public. The resident also would like to carry out work on the verge outside her gates, as this belongs to NCC, the Chairman said he would contact them for a decision whether this was possible. (Following the meeting the Chairman has advised the resident that NCC is happy for her to carry out remedial work to the verge, as long as no fence is erected).

#### ***10/014e Co-Op Staff***

It was reported that Co-op staff are smoking on the land adjacent to the Fish and Chip shop, leaving their cigarette butts on the ground. The Clerk to be asked to write to the Co-Op to report on the mess that is being made by these smokers.

Meeting Closed at 8.35pm next meeting Tuesday 6 April 2010