

## **MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2009**

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| * Cllr J Barfoot (Chair)            | * Cllr Mrs Symonds  |
| * Cllr A Burlton                    | Cllr Miss C Woodman |
| ** Cllr Mrs D Hollebon (Vice Chair) | * Cllr C Woodward   |
| Cllr C Horner                       | Cllr J Wyllie       |
| * Cllr C. Woodward (ex Officio)     |                     |

In attendance: James Parker – CEO

- \* Denotes present

### **299. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Wyllie (vacation), Cllr Woodman (work commitments) and Cllr Burlton (other engagement) and Cllr Horner (vacation).

### **300. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

### **301. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 JULY 2009**

It was RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted.

### **302. UP-DATE ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

It was agreed that Item 142 (waste bins) be CLOSED

Item 142 (bus shelters) - It was AGREED that the Chief Executive establish the cost of a range of styles of bus shelters.

Item 485 (Air Quality) – It was AGREED that Cllr Woodward would follow up with Eric Marshall and Cllr Barfoot and the Chief Executive will follow up on the letters to East Herts District Council referred to.

Item 485 (Listed Buildings) – It was RESOLVED that a Task & Finish group comprising Cllr Woodward, Cllr Symonds, another Cllr be established with the objective of creating a list of proposed buildings to be listed. It was also agreed that it co-opt Dr Sarah Turner and the Chairman of the Civic Federation.

Item 139 – it was AGREED that this item remain open.

Item 147 – it was AGREED that this be closed and that Papworth Trust be informed accordingly with a letter to be written by the Chief Executive.

Item 148 – this item is discussed later in the agenda.

Item 149 – it was AGREED that this item remain open and that the Chief Executive make further enquiries.

Item 150 – it was AGREED that this be closed.

It was AGREED that the Chief Executive enquire of Helen Denton (Rights of Way Unit, Herts County Council) the timescales for removal.

Item 152 - Cllr Woodward requested that our workforce become involved in the Shine initiative in 2010. This was agreed by the Chief Executive. Item 152 to be closed and a new action opened.

Item 155 – to be remain open. Cllr Barfoot will trigger the next meeting on receipt of further information from David Neilan from Herts CC. however this in his capacity as a County Councillor so the action is CLOSED.

It was noted that item 140 from page 53 of the minutes has not appeared on the list of actions and needs to be added.

**303. TOWN PLAN UP-DATE (CLLR BARFOOT)**

Cllr Barfoot stated that the Town Plan is now at the point where the group wishes to publish it however this requires review and approval of the actions by the Town Council. It was AGREED that a Special Meeting of the Town Council be held on 14<sup>th</sup> October to ratify the Action Plan. The meeting will commence at 7pm.

**304. MOAT - APPENDIX 2**

A quotation establishing technical feasibility and an outline budget was received. Following some discussion it was agreed to RECOMMEND that Council that the report be submitted to EHDC with strong representation to act quickly. It was further agreed to RECOMMEND that Council approve an unbudgeted expenditure of £5000-10000 for soil and power investigation.

**305. AIR QUALITY REVIEW - APPENDIX 3**

It was agreed that Cllr Woodward would document his technical queries to be sent (with an appropriate cover letter by the Chief Executive to East Herts District Council for follow up.

**306. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

Sustrans (Cllr Woodward)

**307. URGENT BUSINESS**

The County Council intend to promote a group to be called 'The Friends of Waytemore Castle'.

**MEETING CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.