

Minutes of the Environmental Awareness Committee meeting held remotely on Wednesday 10th February 2021 at 11am

Attendance

Councillors- K Deffley, J Kenyon, C Renwick.

Others- R Bullimore (Clerk) R Hill (Assistant Clerk)

09/020

Minutes of and Environmental awareness committee meeting held 15th September 2020

RESOLVED minutes 08/020-12/020 received and approved

The chairman duly signed the minutes

10/020

Renishaw and Spinkhill Community Hall

Members discussed the current situation with obtaining quotations for work within the community hall. The Clerk updated members on the difficulty in obtaining quotations for building and heating works at this time. Members discussed the possible use of the community hall for sports use as well as events. Members agreed that with leisure centres and other sports halls in the area, it would be better used for events and parties rather than sports use. RESOLVED Councillor Kenyon to look through the quotations already received and decide what specific work is needed, Clerk to then obtain comparable quotes. RECOMMEND having the ceiling lowered.

11/021

Marsh Lane Community Hall

Members discussed the works needed at Marsh Lane and the quotations already received. Ceiling repairs to be done over school holidays due to the hall being used by Marsh Lane Under 5's. RECOMMEND continuing obtaining quotations and take them to Council for approval.

12/021

Civic Centre

Councillor Renwick asked about the high utilities bill received for the summer months while the centre has been closed. The Clerk reported that they were an estimated cost and that the true meter readings had since been sent to the utility's companies. The Clerk reported that the new windows in the main hall would be installed the week commencing 15th February, and the flooring had been repaired. The Civic Centre Manager is currently obtaining quotations for bar adaptations, this will include moving the glass wash into the bar area, replacing the current sink with a smaller one and an ice machine in the rear cellar area. Councillor Kenyon discussed the need for a more economical extraction system for the fridges and freezers. in the kitchen. RECOMMEND contacting an electrician regarding fitting a thermostat to the extractor fan in the kitchen window. RECOMMEND asking the chosen plumber for the Renishaw and Spinkhill Community Hall works to also change the taps in the Civic Centre to auto-stop taps.

13/021

Open Spaces

Members discussed areas which could be turned into wildflower habitats for bees and insects. Land in Eckington, Renishaw and Marsh Lane were discussed as area's of interest, as well as hedgerows and roadsides. Members discussed the option of asking Marsh Lane School if they would like to maintain a wild flower section of the large playing field. The Clerk informed members that one quote for grass cutting the field at Marsh Lane had been obtained from District Council. RECOMMEND asking the school if they would like involvement of the wildflower garden. Further quotes to be obtained for grass cutting the field. RECOMMEND Parish Council cutting the grass of the Marsh Lane playing field and the school to mark out lined.

12/020

Thanks a Tonne

Councillor Kenyon updated members about an initiative the District Council are running, this aims to reduce imitations from domestic houses, schools and businesses. The Disctric Council will be holding a series of roadshows to educate the public on what can be done to reduce imitations and how to swap to greener energy. RECOMMEND adding details of roadshows to the Parish Newsletter and the Parish Website once details have been received from the District Council.