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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
**ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITY COMMITTEE**  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER  
ON TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2014 at 8.00 PM

Present: Cllr Edmunds – In the Chair David Allison – Clerk to the Council

Cllrs Bennett, Brading and Seeley.

Voting Members: 4

Not Present: Cllrs Dann and Vane

Members of the Public: 0

EA1078/14 Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

EA1079/14 Declarations of Interest

The Chairman recommended that any declarations of interest be made, if necessary, throughout the meeting.

EA1080/14 Representations from the Public

There no members of the public present.

EA1081/14 Minutes

**Resolved:**

- That the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7 October 2014 be approved and be signed by the Chairman.

EA1082/14 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

EA1083/14 Works List

The Chairman introduced this item and invited comments.

The Clerk advised that in regard to the Canal Volunteer Day on Sunday 16 November the Rickmansworth Canal Trust had agreed to bring two of the Trust's boats to Lock 79 from which they would provide soup and bacon rolls to the volunteers. The Clerk added that the cost of the provided food would be funded from the Parish Council's budget for this matter.

There were no other comments.

**Resolved:**

- That the Works List for November 2014 be noted.

EA1084/14 Stones Orchard

The Chairman introduced this item and asked the Clerk to elaborate. The Clerk stated that at the last meeting it was resolved that a recurring item be placed on the Agenda for three months to report back on tree damage.

The Clerk advised that since the last meeting no new specific problems about the trees had been brought to his attention.

EA1085/14 Budgets 2015/16

The Chairman introduced this item and asked the Clerk to elaborate. The Clerk reminded Members that the Council's Financial Regulations now state that budget items should be submitted by the end of November.

The Clerk advised that to date he had received five proposals – see attached. The Clerk added that he would also circulate a copy of the Budget Schedule which would include the above items with the Minutes of this meeting.

The matter of certain third party hedges overrunning onto public footpaths was discussed in particular those at the bottom of Baldwins Lane and the TfL hedging along Watford Road. It was stated that although this may not be a budget item per se it would have implications on staff time if a 'blanket' agreement could be obtained from HCC for the Parish Council to exercise the powers in the Highways Act 1980 s96 and in addition s154 in respect of recharging third parties.

The matter of the Local Travel Map proposal in the current years budget was raised and it was considered that it would be unlikely this would be project would proceed. Accordingly, the project should be put into next years budget funded by general reserves.

The Clerk had noted that a proposal had been submitted for hedging at Stones Orchard and reminded Members that there was a budget item of £3,000 in the current budget funded from general reserves. The Clerk added that issues to do with Stones Orchard were being addressed on a piecemeal basis and considered that what was required was for the Council to commission a full professional audit of the flora and fauna of the site and for a completely new professional Management Plan developed covering all aspects of its current status and future management and development including any associated seasonal actions required. The Clerk added that the Management Plan that was recently produced related to the trees and this could be integrated into the full Management Plan for Stones Orchard. The Clerk added that it would be important that the Management Plan and its actions were regularly reviewed to ensure that the Plan was a working document and updated as required.

**Resolved:**

- Consent is sought from HCC each year (unless consent can be granted on an ongoing basis) to exercise the powers in the Highways Act 1980 s96 and in addition s154 in respect of recharging third parties;
- The Local Travel Map be included in the budget 2015/16 funded from general reserves;
- The Clerk submits a budget proposal for a complete flora and fauna audit of Stones Orchard and for production of a new professional Management Plan for the whole site.

EA1086/14 Closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.21pm.

# Budget 2015 - 2016

submitted by: H. D. Seabey  
 date: 4-11-14

Principal Department: E & A

Budget Description	Detail	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Total
	<u>Senior Citizen Seaside Outing</u>	<u>\$1200</u>	<u>1200</u>		

**Brief Background/Justification:** (use separate sheet of paper for 'Project' / 'Event' detail)

The PC has for the past few years financed a day trip to the seaside for approx 100 senior citizens, which is very much enjoyed and appreciated.

*✓ Food  
 end 5/11/14*

# Budget 2015 - 2016

submitted by: *Cliff Dudley Edmunds*  
 date: *3-11-14*

Principal Department: *E&A.*

Budget Description	Detail	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Total
<i>DOG SHOW</i>	<i>To provide financial support for Dog Show</i>	<i>£ 200</i>	<i>£ 200</i>	<i>£ 200</i>	<i>£ 600</i>
Totals		<i>£ 200</i>	<i>£ 200</i>	<i>£ 200</i>	<i>£ 600</i>

**Brief Background/Justification:** (use separate sheet of paper for 'Project' / 'Event' detail)

*Costs for this event have been low as we have received a great deal of sponsorship in previous years. However, if sponsors are not available then provision needs to be made for:*

- 1) hire of do. - £ 50*
- 2) purchase of rosettes - £ 70*
- 3) purchase of prizes for BIS & RBIS. £ 30*

*Provision also needs to be made for hire of org & facilities equip if this is not donated.*

*✓ Budgeted 3/11/14*





# Budget 2015 - 2016

submitted by: **F. BIALY**

date: **SO. 10. 2014**

Principal Department: F. A. [unclear]

Budget Description	Detail	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Total
"Picnic in the Park"	"Picnic in the Park" with bands to be held in Stones Orchard on a date to be decided - preferably June - September	500	500	500	1500

Totals

**Brief Background/Justification:** (use separate sheet of paper for 'Project' / 'Event' detail)

As we fund Craxfest every year, which tends to have modern music, ~~appearing~~ appealing for younger generation. "Picnic in the Park" would appeal to another generation i.e. 50's to 80's plus. These events are held in most ~~small~~ in American towns and are now being established in other English villages. Combining with a picnic will bring everyone together.