

**The Minutes of the
Village Environment Committee Meeting
held on 10th June 2020**

A meeting of the Village Environment Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday 10th June 2020 via Zoom at 7.00 pm.

The following members were in attendance: -

Cllrs. L. Wilkins, B. Hadley, B. Sumner, B. Rogers, A. Davis, N. Randall, L. Hicks, B. Wragge and S. Coventry.

1. Apologies for Absence - None as all Committee members were present.
2. Declarations of Interest - None.
3. The Minutes of the Village Environment Committee 13th May 2020 – Cllr. L. Hicks proposed to approve the minutes of 13th May 2020. Cllr. A. Davis seconded the proposal. A vote was taken of all in favour of receiving and approving the VEC minutes dated 13th May 2020.

4. **Village Maintenance**

Byelaw sign – A design and quotation was available at the meeting for the new Byelaw sign.

The committee agreed to make a few amendments to the design and the Clerk was to bring back the final design with a firm quotation on supplying 3 x A2 metal signs, for each sign to be fitted onto two metal poles and installed into the ground. Two signs were to be positioned at each end of the village green and the other sign was to be positioned by Birdland.

Dog Fouling Signs – The committee agreed to have, 'No Dog Fouling signs' around the village.

No Dogs on the Village Green – The committee considered to put signs up for No Dogs on the Village Green from April – October from 11.00 am – 5.00 pm. This was to be put to the next Parish Council meeting for approval.

Bins on Village Green – Cllr. N. Maunder was to be asked how CDC were progressing with looking into providing Big Belly Bins on the village green.

Christmas Tree/Hanging Baskets/Planters – A price was to be confirmed on the supply of the Christmas tree for the centre of the village.

Planters: A suggestion was put forward to plant wildflowers in the planters in the village. The committee did not agree with that suggestion as a quotation had already been obtained and approved to plant the planters up for this summer.

Repair to Village Railings – A quotation had been obtained to repair the village railings in Victoria Street after a car had hit into them at a cost of £720.00 to supply and install an oak post and fit old rails into post. No evidence had been obtained on the vehicle which had run into the railings and as the price was below £1,000.00 the committee agreed to pay the amount quoted, as the excess for the insurance cover was over £1,000.00.

Village Green - Cllr. B. Sumner, Cllr. N. Randall and Sue Roberts, History Society had provided the committee with the history of the ownership and established the facts of the village green including finding out that the Parish Council owned the riverbed which ran through the centre of the village. The committee agreed that notices were to be obtained stating that people using the village green and the river, did so at their own risk.

The committee agreed that Cllr. Sumner, Cllr. Randall and Sue Roberts would produce a document on the legalities and information which they had found out and the document would be filed with the title deeds at the GMCC.

Cllr. Davis thanked Cllr. Sumner, Cllr. Randall and Sue Roberts for undertaking this work on behalf of the Parish Council and thanked Cllr. Hadley for his interpretation.

Park & Ride – The committee discussed the idea of having a Park & Ride in the village to try and reduce the cars in the centre of the village and to try and work out a way to manage the visitors to the village. A thought was raised whether staff who work in the village could possibly park at the John Hackling's car park at an agreed price for all day. These ideas were to be discussed along with a Post Covid-19 vision for the village.

TRO – A councillor raised if the TRO's could be pushed a bit quicker so that the area by the Chip Shed and the Cotswold Gin shop could be implemented sooner.

Disabled Access at Greystones: It was agreed that the Cotswold Wardens would talk to Greystones on disabled access into Greystones.

Trees in the Village: Tree Tech had commenced the tree work planned in the village.

Manor Fields: Longborough Estates were to be contacted to chase up the repair of the dry stone wall in Station Road and the two parked cars in Manor Fields, Station Road.

Vegetation at Station Meadow: GCC had notified the Clerk that they had put this problem into their working schedule.

Cemetery

Burial Ground – A consultant was to be contacted to assist the Parish Council in obtaining further burial ground before October 2020.

Allotments

The committee noted that the allotments were being kept in good order this year.

An allotment inspection was due in the Autumn.

Bee Keeping: No further requests had been received on keeping bees at the allotments but the committee stated that if an end allotment by the fence ever became available then this suggestion could then be considered.

5. **Any Other Business**

Lamp Posts in High Street – GCC had confirmed that they had added painting the lamp posts in the High Street into their working programme. Therefore the £2,000.00 which had been put into the Parish Council budget for this job could now be spent on the repair of the railings in Victoria Street and purchase and install the three byelaw signs which had been agreed earlier in the meeting.

6. **Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting had been arranged for Wednesday 8th July 2020 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.03 pm.