**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND AMENTIES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE WOOLSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB, HALL ROAD, WOOLSTON ON 19 JUNE 2019**

**Present:** Councillor MH Greenslade (Chairman)

Councillors: M Banner, J Greenslade, A McCarthy, D Nowell, M Pearce,

 S Rydzkowski

**Apologies for absence**: Councillors M Creaghan, A Hill, D Hill, P Wright

### EA1 Code of Conduct – declarations of interest

### Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012

No declarations were made at the opening of the meeting.

### EA2 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were noted from Councillors M Creaghan through attendance at a Borough Council meeting, A Hill, D Hill because of a recent bereavement, and

P Wright recovering from illness.

**EA3 Minutes**

Resolved,

That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 May 2019 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

**EA4 Matters of report from previous minutes**

No matters to report.

**EA5 Parish Path Warden Scheme**

Councillor Nowell reported on matters relating to public footpaths:

* The Borough Council had sprayed Giant Hogweed on the length of the towpath from New Cut Lane to Woolston Eyes.
* The edge of parts of the length of the path from New Cut Lane to Bridge Lane was on certain lengths breaking into the canal.
* A report had been made on Giant Hogweed and pools of water on the path leading to Woolston Eyes. The maintenance of this length was the responsibility of Peel Holdings.
* The Borough Council had created a dedicated email address for Public Rights of Way matters: PROW@warrington.gov.uk.

Recommended,

That the report and action taken be noted.

**EA6 Woolston Playing Fields and Hillock Lane Amenity Area**

* **liaison with the Borough Council**

Further to Minute EA102 1 May 2019, the Clerk reported on his attendance at a meeting held on 17 June 2019 convened by the Families and Wellbeing Directorate to consider matters relating to the use of Woolston Playing Fields and the adjacent amenity area. This had included officers from the Borough Council and the Kings Leadership Academy. The meeting had discussed issues relating to the status of the site and the formalising of arrangements on the school’s use of the playing fields, which it was hoped would be in place for September 2019. Consideration was also given to the wider stakeholder opportunities with regard to a long-term development of the site. This would also involve existing users of the facilities:

Recommended,

That the report be noted.

* **application to site storage container**

The Clerk reported an application from the Secretary of Woolston Rovers Football Club to separate the existing two storage containers on the playing fields and put up a palisade compound between the containers to gain space to store portable goals. The containers had been moved from the entrance to the amenity area car park when construction of the Kings Leadership Academy had commenced. In considering the application the Committee had regard to the report on proposals for the development of the playing fields (Minute EA6 liaison with the Borough Council):

Recommended,

That the application be not approved at this time because of the overall review of the use of the playing fields that has commenced.

**EA7 Somerset Way at entrance to Woolston Park – consideration of measures to protect the highway verge**

Further to Minute C16 22 May 2019 Borough Council business, the Committee considered a scheme submitted by the Environment Manager for the protection of the highway verge from the parking of vehicles. The contribution required from the council was £1100:

Recommended,

That approval be given to a contribution of £1100 being made to the Borough Council to allow the scheme to proceed.

**EA8 Speed control measures**

Further to Minute C12 Committee matters 22 May 2019, Councillor McCarthy reported on the progress of discussions with Borough Council officers on the loan of speed monitoring equipment from the Council to assess the improvement road safety. This would involve the Council providing storage for the equipment. The planned meeting with local schools to discuss road safety issues was likely to be held in September 2019 after the summer holidays:

Recommended,

That the report be noted.

**EA9 Kings Leadership Academy – shared use of car park**

No matters to report.

**EA10 “Old Billy” scheme – draft design**

Response awaited from the Borough Council to the draft of the design for the “Old Billy” sign.

**EA11 Business raised by Council members**

No matters to report.

Chairman....................................................