

Meeting	Environment Committee, Clapham Parish Council 9 th May 2023 at 7:00pm
Parish Council Members:	Cllr. Nigel Sparrow (NS) - Chair Cllr. Eric Cooper (EC) Cllr. Jacky Fraser (JF) Cllr. Ian Gaskin (IG) Cllr. John Reid (JR)
Late arrival:	Cllr. Charlie Tomkins (CT) at 7.19pm
Apologies Received:	Cllr. John Keech (JK) Cllr. Adrian Langley (AL) (Cllr. Eric Cooper gave apologies for June & July Environment Committee meetings).
Minutes taken by:	Cllr Phillipa Simms

MINUTES OF MEETING

*the planned visit to the War Memorial was cancelled due to the adverse weather

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from:

- Cllr. John Keech
- Cllr. Adrian Langley

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Charlie Tomkins declared an interest for Item 10a) tree survey

3. Open Forum

Nothing to report.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes were agreed as a true reflection of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

5. Matters Arising *(for information only)*

- I. War memorial - Paving slabs need jet wash, repointing and weeding
- II. Path going up the back to the war memorial, needs some new bedding plants.

6. Clerk's Report

Attached at the end of these minutes.

7. Maintenance Report

Deferred to Parish Council meeting.

8. Millennium Park

a) Update –

We hope that now Borough officers are back to work after the elections, things should be moving along.

9. Riverside Gardens

- I. CT to organise the IBC and the waste bins collection from the school. CT
- II. Volunteers back this Saturday – any new volunteers gratefully received.
- III. JK & NS to go to garden centre to purchase lasting shrubs with donated money £100.
- IV. EC suggested the allotments committee are arranging discounts so going forward purchases could be made through them at discounted rates.
- V. IG noted the Jubilee tree is in bloom and doing well.
- VI. Grass cutting is a bit hit and miss, but it's very wet, so understandable.

10. King George V Playing Fields

a) Tree report

- NS met with JDT Tree Surgeons at the Playing Fields and the report has been circulated.
- Some branches need trimming back to prevent damage where they are growing through the fence.
- JDT has been used before as they have offered competitive pricing for exemplary work.
- Total cost of work required £820

PROPOSAL: To accept the quote of £820 for tree

maintenance and put forward to full Council for agreement.

VOTE: Unanimously accepted.

11. Highways & Footpaths

a) Green Lane – continuing issues

- I. NS has now spoken with JW after the May elections. Discussions have taken place about the state of Green Lane and a meeting will be called for when the new portfolio holder is in place.
- II. Water leak has been reported by PS repeatedly. Letter should be written to newly elected Mayor, Tom Wootton about lack of efficiency with Anglian Water. Pressure is mounting due to incoming development of 500 houses.

- III. Work on Highbury Grove has been successful on the corner with the High Street. Puddle building up by the entrance to The Slade which needs to be reported.
- IV. Water flooding under the bridge on Oakley Road, causing an issue to children walking to school. Bedford Borough Council has had discussions with Network Rail. Concerns raised by Clapham PC about Health & Safety.

12. Village Green

- a) Update
 - Nothing further to report.
 - Residents met the developer and informed them about the application.
 - Item to be put on the main PC agenda for any update from Borough representatives.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 13th June 2023

14. NS gave thanks to:

- Committee for the last 4 years' work;
- EC and IG for work on allotments;
- JR for work on the flood group;
- JK & volunteers for hard work on Riverside Gardens;
- Ann Paice for her work as previous Clerk;
- The Committee thanked NS

The meeting was closed by the Chair at 8.11pm

Signed as a true reflection of the meeting:

Signed	
Dated	<i>Chair</i>