



# North Weald Bassett

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## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

**TO: MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

### **PLEASE NOTE THE TIME OF THIS MEETING**

*This Meeting is open to any other North Weald Bassett Parish Councillor who wishes to attend*

You are hereby invited to attend a meeting of the **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE** which will be held on **Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019** at **The Library, High Road, North Weald** at **10.30 am** to transact the business shown in the Agenda below.

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## AGENDA

- 1. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**   
To **PROPOSE** and **SECOND** nominations for the Office of Chairman and, if there is more than one nominee, to vote thereon
- 2. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN**   
To **PROPOSE** and **SECOND** nominations for the Office of Chairman and, if there is more than one nominee, to vote thereon
- 3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**   
To **RECEIVE** any apologies for absence.
- 4. OTHER ABSENCES**  
To **NOTE** any absences for which no apology has been received.

**5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** 

To **RECEIVE** any Declarations of Interest by Members

*A Member with a personal interest in a matter must consider whether it is a Disclosable Pecuniary, Non Pecuniary or Other Pecuniary Interest, and declare it accordingly. A Member who is unsure as to how to declare their interest should seek independent advice.*

**6.  CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES** 

To **CONFIRM** the minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019, attached at **Appendix 1**.

**7. PLAY AREAS**

**a) Damage**

Members of this Committee are asked to **NOTE** the damage to the Play Areas at Weald Common and Thornwood Common Play Areas.

**b) Weald Common former Play Area fence** 

Members of this Committee are asked to consider removing the fence as it gets damaged or removing completely.

**c) Weald Common Play Area**

Details of an incident to be reported verbally to Members at the meeting.

**8.  ALLOTMENTS** 

**a) Allotment Warden – Queens Road and Wheelers Farm Gardens**

Members of this Committee are asked to **NOTE** that the Allotment Sub Committee have temporarily taken over wardenship of the site from 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Members of this Committee are asked to **CONSIDER** wardenship going forward as the Council has not received any applications for the vacancy.

**b) Petrol Mower – Wheelers Farm Gardens**

Housed within the Garage on Wheelers Farm Gardens Allotments is a petrol lawn mower that allotment tenants are able to use. This is done by way of prior agreement with the Allotment Warden, with all users signing a disclaimer to confirm they have received a copy of the operating instructions (held at the Parish Office). As there will no longer be a warden in place from 1<sup>st</sup> June, consideration needs to be given as to how this will be managed. Committee members are now asked to **CONSIDER** this matter, together with how the mower will be replenished with fuel.

**c) Thornwood Allotment Report**

Members of this Committee are asked to **NOTE** the verbal report

**d) Marestail at Hastingwood Site**

Members of this Committee are asked to **CONSIDER** the advice attached in **Appendix 2**.

**e) Changes to Allotment Rules and Regulations**

Members of this Committee are asked to **CONSIDER** a change to the Rules and Regulations for the allotments. Suggested new statement 'The Council encourages limited use of pesticides on the allotments'

**9. ASSET CHECKS** 

Members of this Committee are asked to **AGREE** responsibility for the asset checks for North Weald, Thornwood and Hastingwood and **AGREE** a completion date

**10. BULB PLANTING** 

Members of this Committee are asked to **CONSIDER** any bulb planting for early October and allocate areas. Discussion has taken place with regards to planting Crocus bulbs or Summer bulbs.

**11. ENVIRONMENTAL & GREEN POLICY** 

Members of this Committee are asked to **CONSIDER** the suggested amendment to the Policy in *Appendix 3*.

**12. TREES FROM STANSTED AIRPORT BIODIVERSITY PROGRAMME** 

15 sapling Silver Birch trees have been received from the Stansted Airport Biodiversity Programme.

The Chairman of the Committee and of the Council jointly agreed the planting areas below. Members of this Committee are asked to **NOTE** these locations.

- Weald Common
- Thornwood – 1 or 2 to Allotment Warden for Charlie's Garden
- Thornwood Playing Field (to replace the cherry trees that were cut down)
- Thornwood Parish Hall (2 x near to Cyril's bench)
- Cemetery (2 x Hedges Section and 2 x Statue Section)
- Opposite the Debt of Honour in the hedgerow

The agreed locations will be updated on a map stored by the Environment Manager from Stansted Airport. A photograph of the planting will also be supplied.

**13. VILLAGE GREEN COAT OF ARMS** 

Members of this Committee are asked to **NOTE** that the sign has been removed and arrangements are being made for it to be moved to the restorers in Bedford.

**14. CEMETERY** 

**a) Unused area**

Members of this Committee agreed to undertake a site visit at the previous meeting. The Chairman is asked to provide a report for the meeting and Members are asked to **CONSIDER** any necessary action.

**b) Unused**

Members of this Committee are asked to **NOTE** that it has been necessary to restrict the Cemetery to allow Assistance Dogs only due to dog walkers allowing their dogs off lead and defecating within the grounds.

**c) Diana Memorial Tree**

The Chairman agreed to undertake a review of the tree and the memorial plaque. Members of the Committee are asked to **CONSIDER** any necessary action.

**d) Topple Test**

A verbal report will be provided at the meeting.

**e) Request to extend assignment period**

Members of this Committee are asked to **CONSIDER** the request to extend the period of Grave space number 47 (Section One, The Hedges)

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