

Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 23 June 2005

Minutes of the meeting of the **Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee** held on **23 June 2005** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr P A Capon
Vice-Chairman: Cllr J M Pullen

Cllr Mrs H L A Glynn
Cllr J E Grey
Cllr Mrs S A Harper

Cllr R A Oatham
Cllr Mrs M A Starke
Cllr P F A Webster

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr P K Savill.

VISITING MEMBERS

Cllr R A Amner

OFFICERS PRESENT

P Warren - Chief Executive
S Worthington - Committee Administrator

248 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2005 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

249 OVERALL WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Executive setting out the main areas of this Committee's work programme for the 2005/2006 municipal year and reviewing the Committee's work over the past 12 months.

Members noted that Stambidge Sewage Treatment Works should be added to the work programme for 2005/2006, to consider any outcomes from an independent odour survey conducted in the vicinity of the sewage works.

Responding to a Member request that the Committee should also ask Town and Parish Councils for their views on recycling and on environmental issues and exploring whether they would be prepared to help fund the costs of any District recycling or environmental initiatives, officers advised that it would be appropriate for the Parish Liaison Sub-Committee to consider these issues in the first instance and to subsequently report to this Committee.

In response to a Member enquiry relating to the inclusion of a review of the feasibility of an additional waste management station being sited within the District, potentially on the Purdeys Industrial Estate, officers confirmed that this was an issue that should be considered by the Waste Management &

Recycling Sub-Committee. The issue of waste management sites was one that was also considered as part of the Local Plan process and would, in future, need to be considered within the Local Development Framework process.

Officers advised, in responding to a further enquiry relating to the review of the membership and operation of the Planning Services, that this review would be completed by the end of the municipal year, but that any proposed changes would not be implemented until the next municipal year. A further copy of the scoping report that had already been agreed for this review would be circulated to all Members of this Committee.

In response to a Member concern relating to the costs incurred by Parish Councils on remedial works relating to vandalism and graffiti, officers advised that the Community Services Committee received an annual report on these issues and that Parish Councils should be encouraged to attend meetings of the Parish Liaison Sub-Committee in order to raise these and other concerns. Money had been set aside in the 2005/6 budget in order to deal with a number of environmental issues and a report would be considered by the Environmental Services Committee at its meeting on 7 July.

On a Motion moved by Cllr P F A Webster and seconded by Cllr Mrs H L A Glynn, it was:-

Resolved

- (1) That the Parish Liaison Sub-Committee be asked to consider issues relating to recycling and environmental improvements and Parish contributions to the process, and that a report should be brought back to this Committee by the end of December 2005.
- (2) That, subject to the Member comments above, progress be noted over the past 12 months and the Committee's work programme, as set out in Appendix 2, be agreed, subject to the inclusion of an additional item relating to Stambridge Sewage Treatment Works. (CE)

The meeting closed at 8.03 pm.

Chairman

Date