

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
HELD AT THE OLD GRAMMAR SCHOOL ROOM, CHURCH ROAD, ROLLESTON ON DOVE  
ON MONDAY 12 AUGUST 2019 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT**

Councillors Badcock, Gooding, E McManus, S McManus, Robson, Sanderson, Wyatt  
Sharon Cheeseman, Karin Kay, Tom Martin, Keith Nurney, Rodney Paul, Jen Phillips and John Phillips

**EC/2019-20/1 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR**

Councillor S McManus was elected as Environment Committee Chair

**EC/2019-20/2 APOLOGIES**

Councillor Stewart

**EC/2019-20/3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

None declared

**EC/2019-20/4 INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE**

The Chair gave an overview of the purpose and background to calling the meeting. A decision will need to be made whether this become a Parish Council committee or a village group. There will be a further meeting in September before a final decision around this will be made. Details will need to be ironed out regarding funding, voting rights and Parish Council involvement, etc.

**EC/2019-20/5 FEEDBACK FROM THE BEST KEPT VILLAGE (BKV) COMPETITION**

The Chair gave an overview of the BKV presentation and process. Discussion around whether we would be better focussing on village improvement rather than winning competitions. Decision to be made post September meeting.

**EC/2019-20/6 SCOPE OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

The Chair distributed a sheet (attached) giving a diagram of how the group could operate. Discussion took place (no decisions) around marketing/planning/structure of each area.

- K Nurney expressed an interest in being part of the footpaths/stiles group
- M Robson said the key is how the groups are empowered and support each other
- It was felt that environment group or committee was not a good name – all to think of alternatives
- Discussion also took place about best communication method – conclusion that further thought was needed.

**EC/2019-20/7 DISCUSSION ABOUT PROJECTS/IDEAS TO BE CONSIDERED**

The Chair circulated a list of ideas already submitted (attached).

- Everyone asked to consider ideas to add to the list
- Future meeting to prioritise the list and publish
- J Phillips raised the issue of insurance/risk assessment if we are organising working parties
- T Martin suggested creating a village map of areas already covered and focussing on the gaps rather than random ideas. Where areas were already covered any issues in those 'zones' become the responsibility of the leader of that area.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Budget holder  
Accountability for all contract works  
Relationship with County, ESBC, Highways

Parish  
Council

May or may not be a formal PC  
committee – could be a 'village' group  
Responsible for:  
Prioritisation / 'to do' list  
Funding request / minor approvals  
Planning/co-ordinating

Environment  
Group

Litter  
Pickers

Clean up  
Days

BKV

Civic Trust  
projects

'Eyes and  
ears'

Fund  
Raising

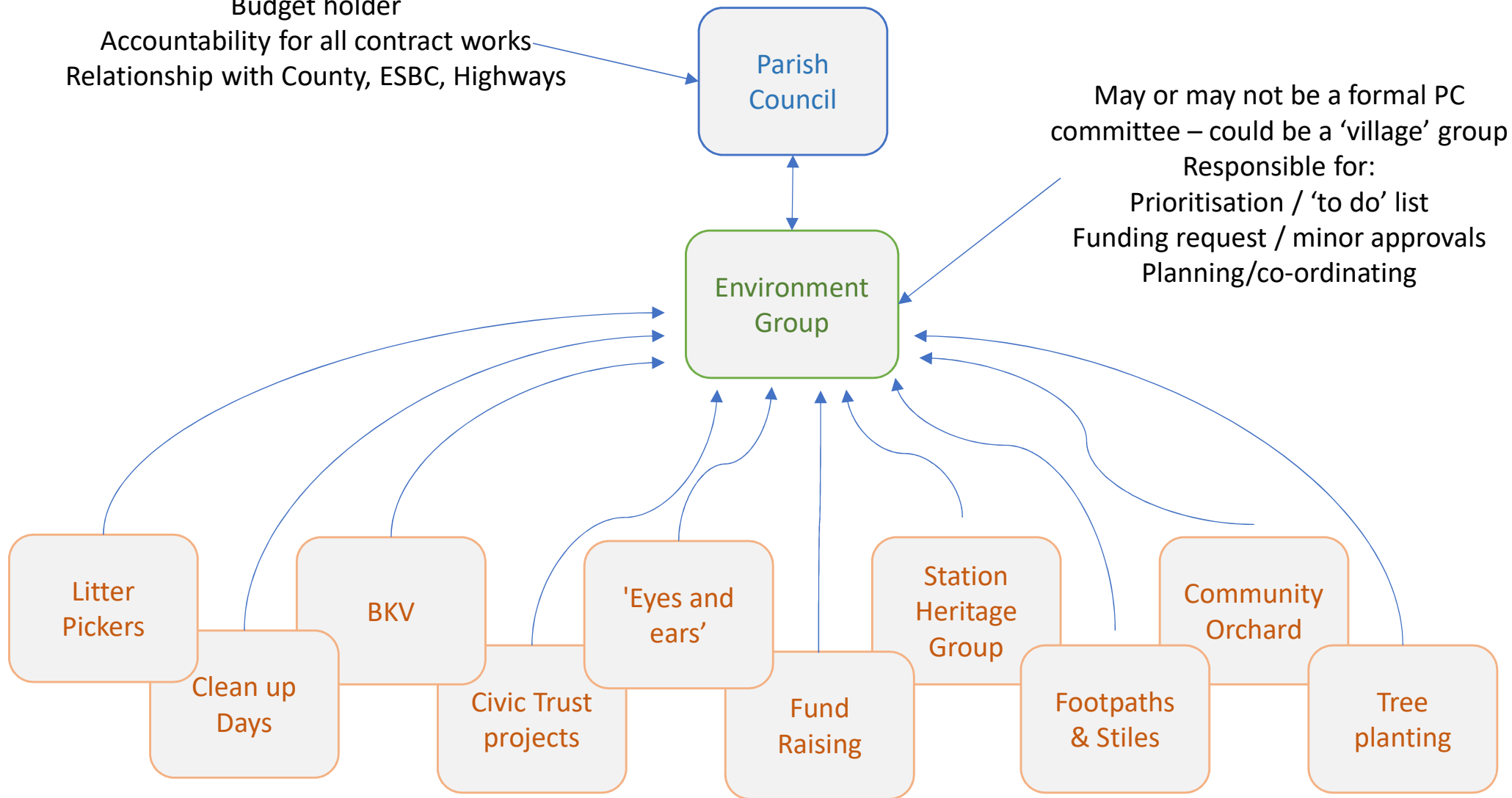
Station  
Heritage  
Group

Footpaths  
& Stiles

Community  
Orchard

Tree  
planting

Formal or informal sub groups with meetings, working groups etc to suit the group. Nominated leader(s) to keep other groups informed, request help etc.



## Rolleston on Dove Environment Group

Project list as at

12th August 2019

Item No	Description	Who?	Type	Funding?	Cost	Priority	Scheduled
1	Most of the hedges along Church Road overhang the pavement reducing the usable width of an already narrow pavement. The hedges need cutting to line through with the wall.	Contractor or landowner?	Maintenance	Probable			No
2	Footpath 1 from Church Road to Glebe Close has weeds to both sides of the path with nettles, thistles and other weeds and looks very untidy. The weeds need removing						
3	The 1800mm wide tarmac pavement in Shotwood Close very near to its junction with Church Road has been reduced in width to 600mm by the overgrown vegetation at ground level. The height is also restricted by the overgrown adjacent trees. This overgrown vegetation needs to be removed.						
4	On the opposite side of Shotwood Close is a grassed pavement which originally had a grassed area laid to the field hedge. This grassed area has now been taken over by self-set blackthorn/hawthorn bushes making the field hedge approximately 5000mm wide. Whilst the bushes are in leaf during Spring and Summer they are not unattractive because they are so dense that you cannot see through them but when there are no leaves on them the bushes look very untidy. Also within the bushes is a very large pile of rotting grass cuttings that have been dumped which need removing as do the self set bushes.						
5	There are a number of drains in the gutters along Church Road that are full of mud and leaves preventing rainwater entering them. One of these blocked drains, on the Tutbury side of the build out results in the formation of a large puddle. These drains need regular cleaning.						
6	There is a section of Marston Lane adjacent to the start of Footpath 7 that floods every time we are subjected to heavy rainfall. This problem is acknowledged by the provision of two road drains that run into the nearby Mill Fleam. The problem is that these drains frequently block up with mud and require regular maintenance to prevent this flooding.						
7	The grass verges along Marston Lane are very overgrown with tall weeds and look very unsightly. The aesthetics of the area would be greatly improved if the weeds were cut back.						
8	Following requests from the parish council to improve safety the county council installed a number of bollards in the grass verge in Church Road outside numbers 17 and 21. For some unknown reason the county council reduced the depth of the verge outside number 21. This resulted in most of the bollards becoming unstable and subsequently falling over with the county council then removing them. Church Road is busier now than when the bollards were installed therefore those bollards that have been removed need replacing and grass verge needs reinstating.						
9	At the road narrowing restriction in Church Road sometime during the past year a vehicle collided with the bollards and "humps" sign on the Tubury and Shotwood Close side. Eventually the county council replaced the "humps" sign but not the bollard on the Tutbury side. It is considered that as the bollards had reflectors built into them they were there as a safety feature and as such the missing bollard should be replaced.						
10	The pavements at the junction of Shotwood Close and Church Road are constantly covered with fallen leaves which are unsightly and slippery when wet, this situation gets significantly worse in Autumn when the acorns fall. The pavements in the village should be cleaned on a more regular basis.						
11	There are numerous large weeds growing at the back edge of the pavement along Church Road in particular by lamp posts and telegraph poles. These weeds need removing.						
12	The pavement in Church Road from Hall Road to the cemetery is very narrow and reduced even further by uncontrolled vegetation and soil spread. This pavement needs to be kept clear obstructions.						
13	There is a section of pavement in The Lawns adjacent to a tree in Brook Hollows where the roots of the tree have affected the pavement making it a serious trip hazard. This pavement needs levelling off.						
14	There is a lot of vegetation spreading on to the pavement in Burnside outside the bungalows by the brook. This area needs tidying up.						
15	The ditch that runs from Craythorne Road to the culvert at Meadow View needs cleaning out especially the section between the wood and public open space attached to the Westbury estate. The ditch is split into 2 sections one each side of the entrance into the woods from Craythorne Playing Field. The ditches are linked by a culvert which is either partially blocked or just not big enough as the water level in the 2 sections of ditch differs considerably. This culvert needs cleaning out or preferably replacing with a larger pipe.						

16	The village notice boards are examined as part of the best kept village inspection. These would be significantly improved if notices were not covered by other notices.						
17	The notice board in the car park of Craythorne Playing Field has had the plastic front cover missing for some years thereby not protecting any notices installed. This indicates neglect, the notice board needs repairing.						
18	There would be less litter strewn around if there were more litter bins						
19	The public footpaths around the village would be made more accessible if the stiles were replaced with self closing gates or failing that the stiles were constructed to British Standard BS5709.						
20	There are footpath finger boards missing at Shotwood Close for Footpath 3, Dove View for footpath 6, Church Road for Footpath 1 and Cornmill Lane for Footpath 5. New finger boards need installing.						
21	The footpath sign for Footpath 5 in Marston Lane rotates on the post with the wind. It needs fixing in the correct position as it swings at head height over the stile and could easily cause injury						
22	When the parish council were asked why they had demolished the climbing cube at Tafflands they gave an assurance that something would be put in its place to replace it, so far nothing has been proposed but a suitable piece of equipment would rejuvenate the play area.						
23	The information provided by the parish council relating to public footpaths would be greatly improved if the footpaths leaflet was more reflective of the actual.						
24	It is possible that more members of the public would attend parish council meetings and hence be more interested in parish council matters if they could hear what was being said at meetings. A suitable sound amplification system should be used at meetings.						
25	Bench, posts, bin and chains to be re-furbished on Spread Eagle Island						
26	Posts along Meadow view need treating						
27	Tafflands sign at Meadow View needs treating						
28	Posts/rails along Burnside and Brookside need painting						
29	Village inventory of all furniture etc to be created						
30	Additional bin to be installed on the Jinny trail						
31	Footpath from Glebe close to Church road is obstructed by large weeds						
32	Painting of commemoration bench at tafflands is long overdue						
33	Bench on the Croft needs washing/treating						
34	Brook Hollows - weeds are rampant						
35	Litter - miscellaneous						
36	Street signs need cleaning						
37	PC allotments on Beacon Road need a lot of attention						
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