

Hutton Cranswick Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Centenary Wood Management Committee held in the
Hutton Cranswick School, Hall, on Wednesday, 6th September, 2017 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Councillors Mrs Mills, Poolford, Richardson and Frances Johnson.

Parishioners present: None
The Clerk recorded the minutes.

17/CW 018 Apologies - Cllr Mrs Johnson.

17/CW 019 Membership - Cllr Mrs Taylor had resigned. Cllr Mrs Mills had joined the Committee.

17/CW 020 Minutes - Resolved - That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 6th March, 2017 be approved and signed as a correct record (proposed Cllr Richardson/seconded Cllr Poolford).

A matter was raised that there appeared to be conflict, on the timing of undertaking maintenance work, between minute 17/CW016 (Autumn, 2017) and the Parish Council minute 17/170 (July, 2017). It was accepted the works were of a different nature, one being the completion of work to satisfy concerns from members of the public on the poor state of the Wood and the second as part of the on-going management of the wood.

17/CW 021 Declaration of interests - None

17/CW 022 Registration of Wood - The Committee considered information from the In Bloom team who had made a preliminary enquiry with the Woodland Trust re. the process in registering the Wood. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of registering the Wood. It was **Resolved** to recommend to the Parish Council that at present not to apply for registration (proposed Cllr Richardson /seconded Frances Johnson).

17/CW 023 Maintenance Programme - The maintenance work carried out in early July had had an adverse impact on the general appearance of the Wood, in terms of the timing for Britain in Bloom judging. The path verges and some shrubs had been cut back removing flowers. It was also noted that some non –indigenous plants had been introduced into the Wood. It became clear that it was essential to improve communication to help meet the aims of the Committee, the In Bloom team and volunteers interested in preserving the Wood. Cllr Richardson proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Mills and unanimously agreed that any future proposals for planting/maintenance in the Wood must be submitted to the Clerk who will ensure the request is passed to the Committee for consideration.

Cllr Poolford was to walk the Wood with the maintenance contractor to agree the next phase of maintenance work, which would also include considering works; to the gravel path at the eastern end of the Wood; the safety of the seats; and to the hedge on the roadside and to the hedge on the south boundary. Members of the Committee were invited to the walk around.

17/CW 024 Next Meeting - It was agreed the next meeting would take place on the 7th March, 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

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