



**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
24th SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 7.00PM**

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs M Barry (Chairman), Mrs J Layton, E Cubley, R Jones, A Limb, P Pickering

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT None

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs L Murphy (Clerk & RFO)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs J Handley, Mrs M Handley, Mrs B Willimott, R Willimott, J O'Grady, M Brown

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
6	<u>Declarations of interest</u> None	
7	<u>To appoint a Vice Chairman</u> It was agreed that this item would again be deferred to the next meeting due to the low number of members present.	Clerk
8	<u>To approve the minutes of the meeting 25th June 2018</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 25 th June 2018 had been previously circulated and were approved and signed by the Chairman. Members noted that planning applications to construct 4 dwellings – land to the rear of 523 Nottingham Road Giltbrook and variation of conditions – Caught & Bowled Nottingham Road Giltbrook had both been refused. A discussion also took place about the planning application for Aero-Fabrications Watnall and it was noted that building works had not yet started.	
9	<u>To discuss planning applications</u> Cllr Cubley advised that a newt survey is currently being carried out on the land off Chewton Street known as Matkins tip.	
10	<u>To discuss report of the Footpath Warden</u> A written report from the footpath warden had been previously circulated. The Chairman stated that she was disappointed to hear that Broxtowe Borough Council has now ceased to fund the Broxtowe Guided Walks leaflet which they have published for many years. She also advised that she had been unable to gain any further updates from the County Council on the current situation with the closed footpath at Main Street Newthorpe. Cllr Limb asked if it would be possible for footpath numbers to be put on the paths in Greasley. The Chairman advised that this is something which has been requested previously but the County Council have refused. Members also noted that it was currently not possible to walk footpath 35 due to fallen trees. The Clerk advised that the County Council are aware of the problem but are still trying to establish ownership of the land involved. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Catherines thanking him for the report and his ongoing support to the Parish Council and forward a copy of the report to the Footpaths Officer at County Hall.	Clerk
11	<u>To discuss play area and parks/open spaces funding</u> The Clerk reminded members of the previous discussion on this matter and the decision to use the 2018/19 funding in the current financial year. A discussion took place about the current equipment at both the Lower Beauvale and Dovecote Road sites and possible uses for the funding available. Cllr Cubley stated that he thought the funding available had been reduced slightly following a recalculation by Broxtowe Borough Council. It was agreed that the Clerk would confirm the funds available with Tim Crawford (Broxtowe Borough Council) and look at a scheme for improvements to the equipment and safety surfacing at Dovecote Road.	Clerk

The meeting closed at 7:35 pm

Chairman