

Minutes of a meeting of the **TYE COMMONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE** held on **Friday 8th May 2009** in Telscombe Civic Centre at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT

Councillors: Mr J Page (**Chairman**)
Mr T Armour, Mr R Maskell

Public Committee Members: Mr P Seed, Mr A Baker
Mrs C Marzillius, Mr R McKellar
Mrs G McKellar, Mr S Bernard
Mrs J Roland, Mrs J Rowland
Mr P Ellis

APOLOGIES

Cllr J Livings

The meeting was adjourned at 6.30 pm to take questions from members of the public. In response to a query from a member of the public the Chairman advised that the meeting was not a formal Council Committee but was an advisory committee made up of individuals and groups with an interest in the Tye.

30. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Armour declared a personal interest as a Commoner.

31. **TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6th MARCH 2009**

The minutes of the above meeting were approved by the Committee and signed as correct by the Chairman.

32. **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

33. **DISCUSSION ON “SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS” FROM MR BOB MILTON’S REPORT**

The Committee noted that no further information had been received from East Sussex County Council in respect of the status of the “road” across the top of the Tye from the village to Telscombe Cliffs. This issue was recorded as subject to an outstanding Freedom of Information request in Mr Milton’s report.

A query was raised in respect of the new National Park status and the outstanding Enforcement Notice for the removal of the bunding. The questioner queried if the removal of the bunding could be delayed pending the new park status. It was considered that as the Enforcement Notice was a decision of the Secretary of State, National Park status may not impact on it. The Clerk was requested to write to the County Council for their views on the possible impact of the new status on the bunding removal.

It was **agreed** to make Mr Milton’s report available on the Town Council’s web site.

34. **PRESENTATION BY EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL ON RESULTS OF TYE BUNDING INTRUSIVE ANALYSIS**

The County Council had advised that they did not have an officer available to attend the meeting. The County Council also advised that the full report on the results of the intrusive analysis were not yet available. The County Council emailed a brief summary of the findings and this was read out by the Chairman:-

"Unfortunately there isn't anyone available from the County Council to attend the meeting tomorrow and the report on the exploratory trenches has not yet been finalised.

However, I can confirm that a total of 41 trenches were dug and a good understanding of the make up of the unauthorised bunding gained. A representative from a specialist asbestos removal firm was present throughout the day and inspected the arisings from each trench, as well as conducting a walk-over of all the remaining bunding. Near the southern end of the bunding, three small fragments (approximately 2" square) of asbestos cement roofing sheets were found - which has an asbestos content of 5 - 15%. This amounts to less than 0.1% of the content of the bunding and the materials contained within the bunding would, therefore, be classed as "non-contaminated" waste.

With regard to the general contents of the bunding, the exercise of digging the trenches has proved to be very beneficial and revealed that the majority of the materials consist of clean, inert materials - including soil, chalk, brick fragments and concrete. This will enable a more precise tender document to be drawn up and will help to remove the element of doubt as to what is in the bunding. In a couple of the trenches/bunding a small number of metal re-inforcing rods were found. Other items found included a piece of plastic sheeting and a few fragments of plastic piping."

A member of the Committee advised that he had observed the excavations and that the new bunding material appeared to be devoid of animal life. A speaker raised the importance of the bunding as a habitat for wild flowers.

35. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The area south of the A259 was discussed in the context of coastal erosion. The meeting was advised that the District Council had a management plan for the area of Coast to the South of the A259. The Clerk was requested to obtain a copy for information at the next meeting.

The main area of the Tye was discussed and concerns were expressed about damage being done to the tracks by grazing stock. The use of a Kent Carriage gap at the top access to the Tye to replace the existing metal gates was proposed. This was seen as more in keeping with the environment. There was a requirement for stock proof fencing in respect of any application for Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) monies, however potential HLS monies would not cover the potential fencing costs in respect of the E piece.

The importance of including the views of disabled users when discussing access was emphasised. Improved access from the Bevendean Avenue side of the Tye could benefit disabled users and horse riders. The inadequacy of existing gates for disabled and horse rider access was discussed. The importance of gates with “trombone “type handles for easy and safe horse rider access was mentioned.

The meeting further considered the issue of vehicles and rights of way across and onto the Tye and it was agreed to approach Mr Milton to give a brief presentation of Section 193 of The Law of Property Act 1925 at the next meeting.

Mrs Rowland agreed to set up a group to examine rights of way that could then be included on the definitive map held by the County Council. The Clerk agreed to distribute Mrs Rowland’s contact details to committee members.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.55 pm.

Signed
CHAIRMAN - Cllr J Page

NB The next meeting of the Committee will be held on **Friday 10th July 2009 at 6.30pm.**

Future meetings are also scheduled for Friday 11th September at 6.30 pm
Friday 6th November at 6.30pm