

Askham Bryan Parish Council

Natural Environment Committee

Meeting to be held on Thursday 17 March 2022 at 6pm in the Village Hall

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of interest.
3. Minutes of the last meeting
4. **Updates on matters previously discussed**
 - a. Update on Pond Work – planning permission given for tree work and to note that due to the high water levels, work could not commence on the date scheduled (9th March) and that he may be able to do the work on 17th March if water levels permit and to note proposals to request that the budget is carried over if necessary.
 - b. To receive an update on proposals to involve the college in tree maintenance on the recreational area and to note that they will be ready to survey the area in April (early spring) to better assess species and their associated pathogens.
5. **Projects**
 - a. To note the storm damage to the trees in the recreational area and to note that five members of the Committee have volunteered to help tidy-up on the morning of Saturday 26th March.
 - b. To receive the report into the land adjacent to 149 Main Street regarding wildflower meadow and replacing the existing trees with two or three indigenous trees such as rowan, bird cherry (wild lilac) or similar small varieties trees.
 - c. To note that City of York Council has received £25,000 from the White Rose Forest to support work towards their tree canopy target and an application has been made to it's Feasible Tree Planting Opportunities in time for their deadline of noon Friday, 25th February. The application was made for trees for the land adjacent to 149 Main Street.
 - d. To consider City of York Council options to reduce the impact of pesticides on pollinators and wildlife with proposals that wards can choose to be pilot wards with options for reduced spraying. Deadline noon 31st March 2022.
 - e. To note that Ward Cllr. Hook has offered grant funding to the Committee and to consider projects which could be funded from it.
6. Date of next meeting – 19th May 2022, 6pm, Village Hall