

THREE RIVERS DISTRICT COUNCIL

At a meeting of the **Environmental Forum** held in the Penn Chamber, Three Rivers House, Northway, Rickmansworth, on Wednesday 7 March 2018.

Present: Councillors Chris Lloyd (Chair), Heather Kenison, Angela Killick, David Major, Reena Ranger, Phil Williams and one representative from the following organisations:-

Parish Councillor Tony Edwards Parish Councillor Nigel Cole Sally Findlay Graham Everett Roger Bangs Keith Pursall David Montague	Chorleywood Parish Council Croxley Green Parish Council Farming Community Watford Friends of the Earth and Friends of Croxley Common Moor Spokes (South West Herts Cycling Group) Maple Lodge Conservation Society Rickmansworth Waterways Trust
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Officers: Kay FitzGerald, Biodiversity Projects Officer.

Also in attendance: Keith Hoffmeister (Chiltern Society), Barnaby Jackson (local resident), Stephen King (local resident), Andy King (Hertfordshire Moth Group), Anne-Céale Mountain (visitor), Sandra Bruce-Gordon (Woodoaks Farm), Francois Neckar (Batchworth Community Council) and Tony Booker (Colne Valley Park Community Interest Company).

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors Jane Lay and Liz Burns as well Peter Waters.

EF01/18 ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM HELD ON 7 MARCH 2018

	ACTION	LEAD ORGANISATION
1.	To note that the action table summarising the meeting of the Environmental Forum held on 8 November 2017 was confirmed as a correct record.	ALL
2.	Matters arising: To note that there were no matters arising.	ALL
3.	To note the information exchange that took place between the member organisations present at the meeting including:	ALL
4.	David Montague, Rickmansworth Waterways Trust: David said that the Environment Agency was removing trees along the River Chess.	ALL
5.	Keith Pursall, Maple Lodge Conservation Society: Keith mentioned that, after suffering from abnormally low water levels in the lake last year, the level had now returned to normal.	ALL
6.	Parish Councillor Nigel Cole, Croxley Green Parish Council: Cllr. Cole informed the forum that Croxley Green Parish Council had recently purchased an area of land known as Weston Wood.	ALL

7.	Graham Everett, Friends of Croxley Common Moor: Graham highlighted the next volunteer day that the Friends of Croxley Common Moor were holding as Sunday 11 March at 10am.	ALL
8.	To note that the Environmental Forum thanked Keith Hoffmeister, from the Chiltern Society, for the informative discussion about the impact of HS2 on the Chilterns.	ALL
9.	<p>Cllr. Williams mentioned that around 800 cars now have to drive past the school due to the closure of Chalfont Lane in relation to the HS2 works. The compound at West Hyde will have up to 1000 workers at any one time, with up to 300 of these workers staying overnight.</p> <p>Cllr. Williams highlighted some forthcoming HS2 events being organised by Align (the company building the tunnels through the Chilterns and the Colne Valley Viaduct):</p> <p>Wednesday 14 March from 2pm to 8pm Maple Cross and West Hyde Community Centre Hornhill Road Rickmansworth WD3 9TE</p> <p>Friday 16 March from 2pm to 8pm Denham Village Memorial Hall Village Road Denham Village UB9 5BN</p> <p>Thursday 22 March from 2pm to 8pm Ickenham Village Hall 33 Swakeleys Road Ickenham UB10 8DG</p> <p>Saturday 24 March from 2pm to 7pm Harefield Academy Northwood Way Harefield Uxbridge UB9 6ET</p>	ALL
10.	To note the report from the Biodiversity Projects Officer.	ALL
11.	Any other business: The Environmental Forum formally agreed that Andy King (Hertfordshire Moth Group) and Tony Booker (Colne Valley Park Community Interest Company) could join the group.	ALL

12.	<p>Speaker for the next Environmental Forum:</p> <p>Keith Hoffmeister will return to the June Environmental Forum to make a presentation on the impact of HS2 on the Chilterns.</p> <p>After a recommendation from Cllr. Williams Paul Jennings, from the River Chess Association, will be making a presentation at the November Environmental Forum.</p> <p>Any further suggestions to be emailed to KF.</p>	<p>TRDC</p> <p>ALL</p>
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EF02/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Forum noted that the date of the next meeting was Wednesday 13 June 2018.

CHAIRMAN