

ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP

(Advisory Committee)

Terms of reference

- To determine, through liaison with RCC, all areas within the Parish that are owned by and to be maintained by the Parish Council.
- To work with the Parish Clerk in liaising with RCC on establishing what grants the Parish Council should receive towards maintaining the identified green spaces.
- To liaise with RCC on carrying out any remedial work, particularly with respect to trees, which RCC or Oakham Town Council may have been previously responsible for prior to the establishment of Barleythorpe Parish Council. This is necessary to minimise demands on the precept.
- To determine the necessary provision, location, and contractual arrangements (in conjunction with the Parish Clerk) for litter and dog bins.
- To liaise with the Oakham Heights Residents Management Company and Barleythorpe Community Trust, as appropriate. To finalize boundaries of responsibility and any areas of common interest.
- Subject to the agreement of the full council, to support the work of the OHRMC and Barleythorpe Community Trust in resolving issues relating to the green spaces on the new developments.
- To determine the legal position relating to the village allotments and investigate bringing them under the control of the Parish Council.
- To co-opt non councillors as appropriate to further the work of the group. This provides an excellent opportunity for more public involvement.

Statement for Parish Council information on the environment put out via Neighbourhood Forum communications.

Residents should note that Barleythorpe Parish Council has no responsibility for the completion or maintenance of the green spaces on the new developments. The Council will support the work of the OHRMC and Barleythorpe Community Trust in seeking solutions to the management issues of these spaces wherever possible.

Some thoughts:

This working group could have common membership with Barleythorpe Community Trust. Combined meetings could be held with two distinct sections. The first part would be a council committee meeting to deal with council business on green spaces led by the chair of the council committee. The second part would be a BCT/OHRMC committee meeting led by their chair. **This would ensure clear delineation of council/OHRMC/BCT business and cut down the number of meeting nights for some individuals.**