

Minutes of Meeting: Town Environment Committee

Date and Time: 26 May 2021 19:00

Venue: The old Courthouse

Link: To access the meeting please click on the link below.
The meeting is open to all members of the public

Present: Cllr P Harris (Chair), Roberts (Vice-Chair), Blaney, Handley, L Harris, Rainbow, Reynolds, Scorer, Thompstone. Clerk – Lesley Wright, Deputy Clerk – Alice Dunn, Events, Tourism and Communications Officer – Honor Dunkley

Apologies: Cllr Perry

Questions from Members of the Public

A member of the public read a statement concerning the painting of the bollards last year.

A written response will be given according to standing orders.

AGENDA

TE 21/005/001 Apologies for absence

Reasons were approved unanimously.

TE 21/005/002 To receive any declarations of interest, under the provisions of sections 26-34 and Schedule 4 of the Localism Act 2011

TE 21/005/003 Approval of Minutes of previous meetings:

3.1 Town Environment Committee Minutes 10 March 2021

Proposed: Cllr P Harris Seconded: Cllr Reynolds

Minutes were approved unanimously.

3.2 Matters arising – for information only.

The need to speed up the process of contracted works was raised e.g. the repair of War Memorial Recreation Ground Car Park – noted

TE 21/005/004 Proposal for the Use of Recreational Grounds Policy – previously circulated
After a discussion, it was agreed look at suitable signage and to add “The council may waive fees at its discretion.”

Proposed: Cllr Roberts Seconded: Cllr P Harris

Agreed by majority

TE 21/005/005 Brightening the Town

5.1 Proposal for the Town Centre clean-up - previously circulated

The following were proposed:

Volunteers to tidy/weed in the town

An audit of broken slabs to be carried out

To request a timetable for gutter sweeping

Progress to be reported back in November.

A discussion took place concerning health and safety and insurance matters around the use of volunteers.

Proposed: Cllr P Harris Seconded: Cllr Roberts

Approved by majority

5.2 Proposal for Bunting – previously circulated

Bunting designs previously circulated. It was agreed to purchase STC and red, white and blue bunting for the Market Place.

Approval has been sought to hang bunting over the street – awaiting response.

Proposed: Cllr P Harris Seconded: Cllr Scorer

Approved unanimously

TE 21/005/006 Use of Glyphosate Proposal - previously circulated

After a discussion concern was raised over the proposed use of (Glyphosate) weedkiller especially as it contradicts our Environmental Policy and a Friendly Environment for Bees Policy.

It was proposed to cease the use of Glyphosate forthwith and safely dispose of any stock.

Proposed: Cllr Blaney Seconded: Cllr Reynolds

Agreed unanimously

TE 21/005/007 Verbal report of Skate park development – Cllr Karen Roberts

Noted

TE 21/005/008 Proposal from the Market Working Group - previously circulated

NSDC have awarded Southwell Town Council £10k from their Welcome Back Fund towards Market canopies etc.

After a discussion, it was proposed to:

delete the line, "Delay the increase to market fees until September 2021."

add, "To purchase new canopies for Southwell Town Council Market at £9,000.

(Design and costings to follow). All expenditure to be endorsed by Governance & Finance Committee.

Proposed: Cllr L Harris Seconded: Cllr P Harris

Agreed unanimously

Severe Weather Policy.

Proposed: Cllr L Harris Seconded: Cllr P Harris

Agreed unanimously

TE 21/005/009 Proposal for the improvement of Squire and Cludd Pond Area - previously circulated

Proposed: Cllr L Harris Seconded: Cllr Roberts

Agreed unanimously

TE 21/005/010 Review of the bench audit and proposal - previously circulated

Noted – thanks to Cllr Perry

Agreed to add the NCC bench to the audit. This bench was moved from Westgate up to Lowes Wong. It should be moved towards the junction again now. Propose that we write to NCC to have the bench moved and consult homeowner.

It was proposed to place a bench near the spider on the Memorial Ground.

Proposed: Cllr P Harris Seconded: Cllr Reynolds

Agreed unanimously

TE 21/005/011 Proposal: To establish an 'Event working group' to timetable, co-ordinate and organise council specific events, such as a street food event etc. the Working Group will have no delegated power and make recommendations

