



Environment Committee – Minutes of Meeting Held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 19th March 2024 in the Reading Room, High Street, TISBURY, SP3 6LD

MEETING MINUTES

(*responsibility for action)

Questions or Statements

No questions or statements were received.

Those present:

Councillors R Buck (Chairman), V Hillier, J Mason - 3.

Also In attendance:

B Cornish (Clerk)

One member of the public

EC 82.23 Apologies

Councillor Buck advised that apologies had been received from Councillors Corp, Lacey and Phillips. She advised Councillor Murray had resigned from the Committee.

EC 83.23 Declarations of Interest

Any Councillor wishing to declare interests should do so at this point:

- a. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests already declared in the Register of Interests: None.
- b. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests not previously declared in the Register of Interests: None.

EC 84.23 Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20th February 2024.

- **Approved; VH/JM;** unanimous.

EC 85.23 Tree Works Application

PL/2024/02210 Tisbury House, Hindon Lane Tisbury - Two large Beech trees to have deadwood removed and one to have crown lift to 4m over neighbouring allotment area

- **No Objection; VH/JM;** unanimous.

EC 86.23 Matters Arising

To receive a report on the progress of matters discussed and actioned at previous meetings:

Area in front of the Public Toilets

Councillor Buck advised that there was an issue with drainage in the area for which the Council had planned a rain garden. A discussion followed with the agreement that a check on whether water from the guttering at the public toilets runs through to garden. Councillor Buck said that she will send holding emails to the garden centre and Hills Waste and it was accepted that the timetable needed to be been pushed back until the issue had been resolved.

Councillor Buck agreed to contact Wessex Water to follow up an issue in the field near the public toilets with regard to overflow of a drain which also included sewage.

SW Mobility Strategy

Councillor Mason said that he had submitted the proposal and this had been accepted by Chris Elliott. He was awaiting the date for phone call with Chris Elliott, with him, the Clerk and Councillor Buck and will chase him during the following week.

Children's Community Garden

It was agreed that the outstanding matters with garden and been resolved.

Reading Room Efficiency

A quote had been received regarding a survey. Councillor Murray had agreed to follow up on the timers for the radiators and roof insulation. Putting temporary insulation on the windows was also considered for the coming winter.

Bat Walk

Councillor Buck gave a summary of the plans for the event. Less ambulant people could go into the gym to look at the skies and bats from Nadder Centre. The event will start at 7.30 pm and end by 9 pm. People are to be advised to bring torches. The Clerk will complete a risk assessment for approval by the Council at the next meeting. If it's a day for heavy rain, it may not be able to go ahead but that would be decided on the day.

EC 87.23 Sharing Knowledge and Experience with Sturminster Newton Town Council

It was agreed that Councillor Buck would meet with the chief grounds person and Town Clerk from Sturminster Newton to see what they do in their town and to report back to the Committee with some ideas and possible ways in which Tisbury could share some of its knowledge with Sturminster Newton.

EC 88.23 Community Orchard

To consider a proposal from Councillor Buck to plant a living willow hedge on the boundary of the Community Orchard with the skatepark:

Councillor Buck advised that between the orchard and skatepark there is no boundary to create separation between the two activities. She suggested that a living willow fence/hedge could be planted to divide the two sites and to create a

level of privacy for residents using them. A willow archway could also be planted to create a welcoming entrance into the orchard. Neither would require a lot of maintenance.

- **Recommend; JM/VH;** that Environment Committee create a willow hedge between two sites with free cuttings being sourced from Councillor Buck's garden.

Any Other Business

Great Big Green Week – 8th – 16th June 2024

A brief discussion was held on the plans for Great Big Green Week. On Wednesday 12th June St John's Primary School has the 'Happy Circus' visiting at the King George V Field and on Saturday 16th June is the village fete in the Lower Recreation Ground which is a big fundraiser for the Carnival Committee.

Councillors thoughts and ideas were as follows:

- the Car Boot sale worked well last year and this year there could be an eco-market as part of a car boot sale on 8th June. It could be a 're-use, recycle, reduce' event rather than car boot sale.
- If there was a film it would need to have an environmental theme.
- Repair Café was possible.
- Lucy Stone to talk about the environment.
- Eco Quiz at The Boot Tuesday on 11th June – Councillor Mason agreed to speak to The Boot.

EC 89.23 Date of Next meeting

Councillor Buck confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 16th April 2024 at 6 pm at the Reading Room.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 7.20 pm