



Environment Committee – Minutes of Meeting Held at 6 pm on Monday 24th April 2023 at 6 pm in the Reading Room, High Street, TISBURY, SP3 6LD

MEETING MINUTES

(*responsibility for action)

Those present:

Councillors R Buck (Chairman), V Hillier, J Mason and Phillips - 4.

Also In attendance:

B Cornish (Clerk)

No members of the public

EC 23.04.24.01

Apologies

To receive apologies from councillors.

- Apologies were received from Councillors Murray and Lacey.

EC 23.04.24.02

Minutes

Approval of minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th March 2023.

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

EC 23.04.24.03

Matters Arising

Progress of matters discussed and actioned at previous meetings:

Public Toilets: It was agreed that:

- The Clerk should investigate a quote for a sustainably sourced metal ramp to replace the existing brick ramp.
- A contact of Councillor Buck will provide an artist's impression/design of the area in front of the toilets at no cost to the Council which will be used for the consultation on the during Great Big Green Week.
- Councillors considered the idea of the installation of a drinking fountain in the area to reduce the use of single use plastic water bottles.

South Western: The Clerk had contacted the planning agent who had referred her to the website for the commercial estate agent which was advertising the site as up for sale. She was awaiting a response from the agent having requested an update.

Future speakers: Councillor Buck advised that she had spoken recently to Peter Shallcross who had kindly agreed to speak at a future event held by the Environment Committee. She agreed to seek his availability to speak during Great Big Green Week on the suggested subjects of Wallmead Farm and ELMS. In view of the likely popularity of the talk, this would be held at the Victoria Hall rather than at the Reading Room.

Children's Community Garden: The Council had approved the Letter of Understanding produced by the Clerk and this was awaiting comment from the key volunteers.

Website Update: This was still to be completed.

Neighbourhood Plan: It was agreed that phosphate mitigation must be addressed in the policies of the revised Tisbury and West Tisbury Neighbourhood Plan.

EC 23.04.24.04

Great Big Green Week 10-18 June

Councillor Phillips talked through the many events she had organised or had liaised with others to organise during Great Big Green Week.

It was also agreed that there would be children's workshops in the Children's Community Garden and an Eco/green disco at the skatepark which would be organised by Zita Hooper. Prizes for the eco trail would be either seed bombs or sunflowers which had been grown in advance. The Clerk and Councillor Buck agreed to provide 50 plants for the event.

EC 23.04.24.05

Climate Action Plan

It was agreed that the drafting of a Climate Action Plan would be worked on over the summer with the aim of providing a first draft to be ready for consideration by the Council at its October meeting.

EC 23.04.24.06

Terms of Reference for the Committee

It was agreed to recommend to the Council that the dates in points 2 and 3 on Carbon literacy and on the Tisbury and West Tisbury Neighbourhood plan be changed from 2022 to 2023.

It was also agreed that a recommendation be made to the next meeting that the Council takes out an annual subscription to join the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) which provides information on a range of rural issues across the country.

EC 23.04.24.07

Date of Next meeting

Councillor Buck confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 7.00 pm at the Reading Room.

With no further business the meeting closed at 7.15 pm.