



Environment Committee – Minutes of Meeting Held at 6 pm on Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 7 pm in the Reading Room, High Street, TISBURY, SP3 6LD

MEETING MINUTES

(*responsibility for action)

Those present:

Councillors R Buck (Chairman), F Corp, V Hillier, I lacey, J Mason and J Phillips - 6.

Also In attendance:

B Cornish (Clerk)

No members of the public

MEETING AGENDA

1 member of the public

EC 01.23 Election of Chair of the Committee

- **RESOLVED JM/FC**; unanimous; that Councillor Buck be elected as Chair for 2023/24.

EC 02.23 Apologies

Councillor Murray due to a personal commitment.

EC 03.23 Minutes

- **Approved; Chair**; unanimous; Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 24th April 2023.

EC 04.23 Matters Arising

Public Toilets:

Councillor Buck explained the plans for the toilets. The aim was to have a scaled drawing of a design for the outside area of the toilets to be available for consultation with residents during Great Big Green Week. Also discussed was the potential for a water fountain to be installed in the outside area which would use the existing water supply and which also

would have a switch off valve. Councillor Mason agreed to follow this up with Wessex Water.

South Western Hotel

The Clerk reported that the hotel was now up for sale.

Councillor Mason reported that the Nadder Community Land Trust will be contacting the Co-op to seek their views about a joint venture.*JM

Children's Community Garden

A meeting was held with the volunteer group. Risk measures to meet insurance requirements are to be put in place as well as the letter of understanding being signed.

It was thought that the brownies could earn badges at the garden.

Website Councillors Hillier and Phillips expressed concerns about the limitations of the Council's website.

Phosphate Mitigations

Views were expressed that no matter what happened with the Station Works planning application, the Council will need to take account of phosphates/pollution. The Chair of the Council was keen for the PC to write a letter to Environment Agency and Spatial Planning at Wiltshire. The Natural History Society is going to set up a monitoring committee which the Council supports.

Recommendation to full council; JP/VH; unanimous; that a letter be sent to by the Parish Council to Wessex Water and the Environment Agency. *Clerk

Climate Action Plan

Nothing was to be done until after GBGW.

Councillor Lacey briefed the Committee on the 'Insulate your house information'. She advised that it showed the benefits of good insulation in any new properties and it could go be included in the revised Neighbourhood Plan.

Nadder Community Land Trust

Councillor Mason advised that the AGM will be held on 19th June at 7pm at the Reading Room with speaker. Councillor Murray will stand down as chair.

The Trust would be setting up a 200 club.

On other matters, the Trust was waiting to hear back from Wiltshire Council, Stone Circle and the housing association on the former sports centre site.

EC 05.23 Great Big Green Week 10-18 June

Councillor Phillips gave a detailed report on the arrangements for all of the events in GBGW.

Sunday Eco Market – NCE will be there and Councillor Phillips will be working on asking others to attend.

The Happy Hookers are going to 'green bomb' the High Street for that week.

It was agreed that there will be a 'last minute tasks' meeting on GBGW after the PC meeting on 6th June 2023.

EC 06.23 St John's Close Green Space

Following a request from a resident, councillors considered whether the green space in St John's Close could be included in future Council policies regarding grass cutting and maintenance across the village. and to consider whether to write to Wiltshire Council to seek prior permission for its inclusion.

There was a suggestion that the Council should have a more overt policy on grass cutting and consider an alternative approach to using glyphosate. Consideration was given to having signs made which advise residents that grassed areas are 'being left to our pollinators'.

- **Approved; RB/JM**; unanimous; that the Clerk should write a policy on grass maintenance for recommendation to the Council which will include the growing of wild flowers and allowing the margins of the Council's land to grow in the summer. *Clerk

EC 07.23 Station Works Appeal outcome

No outcome received.

EC 08.23 Date of Next meeting

The Chair confirmed that date of the next meeting as Tuesday 13th June 2023 at 7 pm at the Reading Room.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 7.40 pm