



NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
 held at the Town Hall, Nailsworth
 on Tuesday 5 November 2019

Present	Cllr Angela Norman (Chair) Cllr Jonathan Duckworth Cllr Mike Kelly Cllr Robert Maitland
Minutes	Katherine Kearns (Clerk)
Apologies	Cllr Emma Bonner Richard Erskine, Matt Partridge

	Action
<p>Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensations There were none.</p>	
<p>To consider a policy for requests for additional dog waste bins There was a discussion about the possible increased need for dog bins in this area; a lot of people use Norton Wood for dog walking which can lead to a collection of dog waste bags at the top of Hayes Cut. There are no bins nearby.</p> <p>It was considered that a map of existing dog waste and litter bins would give a sense of where there is a gap in provision, before making a decision.</p> <p>A review of litter and dog waste bins was carried out by Cllr Steve Robinson and Cllr Myles Robinson in February 2018 and no further action was taken following that.</p> <p>Cllr Mike Kelly undertook to ask the resident who had approached him about this matter whether she would conduct a review of bins in the area.</p> <p>Clerk to supply SDC's map of the existing bins.</p>	Clerk
<p>To consider taking part in the 'happy to chat' bench scheme There was a discussion supporting the idea of a 'happy to chat' bench tackling social exclusion but also how it might not be helpful for people seeking some solitude.</p> <p>It was concluded to suggest this scheme to Community Roots in Forest Green.</p>	Clerk
<p>To review progress with tree planting opportunities and a tree planting event at KGV playing field It was suggested that an amount could be set aside for Climate Emergency projects and also that some funds could be allocated to Nailsworth in Bloom from this year's budget for the work they're doing in the town.</p> <p>The original idea was for NTC to take forward the open space surveys to produce improvement plans for every piece of NTC owned land, to include tree planting.</p> <p>Concern was expressed that NTC's policy for improving its open spaces is getting confused with Climate Emergency and NailsworthCAN objectives. Priority should be given to areas of the town where tree planting will make a significant difference e.g. residential and town centre street trees.</p> <p>It was felt that Council needs an urgent training session on the Climate Emergency declaration in order to set out a proper strategy for action.</p>	Clerk



<p>To receive a report on GRCC's Cleaner Greener Communities event Cllrs Angela Norman, Steve Robinson and Jonathan Duckworth went to this event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Wotton under Edge have formed subcommittees and are planting 40 trees.- information on the Green Impact Award from Gloucestershire G.E.M. http://www.glosgem.org/news.php- Flood Warden described work done to mitigate against future flooding- workshops on developing a Climate Change Action Plan- GRCC are publishing their Climate Action Plan on their website on 4th Nov <p>It was noted that other delegates agreed that there should be Climate Emergency action plans rather than just a declaration of Climate Emergency.</p>	

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