

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2019

- 1. In attendance-** Councillors R Whittaker (Chair), Councillor Finch and Councillor Stewart
Also in attendance-
C McRoy, Assistant Clerk
- 2. Apologies** were received and accepted from Councillors Mitchell and Woods
- 3. To receive** an update from the Assistant Clerk regarding ongoing Environment Committee issues. The Committee Chair informed members that there had been a successful litter pick & dog care event on 6th October. The Assistant Clerk requested contact information for Epworth in Bloom volunteers for thank you letters, and informed members that there was no further update on VE Day events yet, except that a local piper had volunteered to play if required.
- 4. To discuss** obtaining and planting Woodland Trust trees- the Committee discussed this initiative and agreed it was a positive idea.
Resolved: to plant trees once a suitable location could be found
Further Resolved: to publicise the Council's intention and ask for location suggestions.
- 5. To approve** the amended risk assessment for Epworth in Bloom activities. The Assistant Clerk informed members that she had further changes to make to the draft, so would bring it back to a future meeting.
- 6. To discuss** winter planting in the Town Council's kerbside planters. There was a discussion about what to plant and when.
Resolved: Committee to liaise with the volunteers regarding planting.
- 7. To review** the total costs for Epworth in Bloom. The Assistant Clerk provided members with a breakdown of costs and confirmed that so far the allocated budget was underspent by £584.63, although further expenses are due come out of it later in the financial year. There was a discussion around whether this remainder could go towards a replacement water bowser or new hanging baskets.
- 8. To discuss** repairs to the Jubilee Tree signage. The Assistant Clerk showed members the extent of the rotting to the posts used for the signage. 3 will require repair or replacement.
Recommended: The 3 rotted posts to be replaced.
- 9. To discuss** refilling of green salt bins by North Lincolnshire Council. Members discussed how often the bins needed filling and whether they were topped up last year.

10. To discuss ‘20 actions parish and town councils can take on the climate and nature emergency’ report. Members discussed the content of the report and the possibility of setting up a community group to progress the issues raised.

Resolved: the report also be considered by Town Council.

11. To nominate items for Facebook.

Resolved: Request for tree planting location suggestions, the vacant post for hanging basket watering 2020.

12. To discuss the date of the next meeting- it was provisionally agreed to hold the next meeting of the Committee on Thursday 21st November 2019 at 6.15pm

To record the closure of the meeting- the meeting was closed at 8.06pm

Signed..... Date.....