



**HALESWORTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Environment Committee Meeting**  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

Waveney Local Office  
London Road  
Halesworth

**Present:** Cllr Jill Reece (in the Chair), Cllr David Thomas, Cllr Ben Chadwick, Linda Gray, Gabrielle Maughan, Lisa Simmonds, and Martin Dominic.

**In Attendance:** Three members of the public, Phillippa Welby (Assistant Clerk)

## **MINUTES**

- 1. Apologies** – None received.  
JR introduced LG as a potential new committee member. LG is a member of Halesworth in Bloom and has a keen interest in the green spaces of Halesworth. The Committee voted to accept LG as a member.
- 2. Declarations of Interest** – There were none.
- 3. Minutes of the previous meeting** – The minutes from the 11<sup>th</sup> March were agreed.
- 4. Matters arising from the minutes** – Anything that needed revisiting is on the agenda.
- 5. Trees** – The group agreed to create a map identifying trees of note in Halesworth. JR advised that the ESC arboriculturalist Nick Newton will also need to be involved in the project in order to help with tree preservation orders. **LS and LG will work together to create a definitive map.** BC drew the group's attention to a scheme run by ESC that allows Town & Parish Councils to plant trees on their land if suitable, under the climate emergency legislation. LG raised the issue of the trees at Angel Link that had not been watered. **DT to contact the fire station to see if they would consider helping.** LG reported that there is Japanese Knotweed growing on land in Halesworth. **JR to report to the Environment Agency.**
- 6. Plastic reduction** – JR suggested that a reduction in plastic use in Halesworth may be a more achievable goal and that perhaps the Council could run a competition to encourage this. GM has been in contact with library who were keen to host a plastic reduction exhibition and that possibly the two could be combined. **DT asked that JR write a proposal that could be circulated to the group for comments and suggestions before putting it to the Town Council for approval. The group agreed.**
- 7. River Management** – DT has written summary of the Town Council's report conducted on the river. **PW to circulate to the rest of the group. Comments on this to be sent to the DT via the Clerk.**
- 8. Enhancement of cycle paths** – **DM and Cllr Wollweber to take on this subject and bring potential ideas to the committee.** LS suggested that this group should link up with the Neighbourhood Plan group who also have cycling in Halesworth as part of their remit. They may be able to share information.
- 9. Traffic** – A traffic survey was completed two years ago by a resident. **JR to circulate results to the group.**
- 10. Correspondence - none**
- 11. Date of next meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 10.30am**