



HALESWORTH TOWN COUNCIL  
Environment Committee Meeting  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Waveney Local Office  
London Road  
Halesworth

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

In Attendance: Andrew Cassy (Quiet Lanes Suffolk), Phillippa Welby (Assistant Clerk)

MINUTES

1. **Apologies** – Cllrs Wollweber and Thomas
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None were declared.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** – The minutes from the meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020 were accepted as a true record.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes** - None
5. **Chair's Report** – Cllr Reece has finished constructing the 'Green Wall'. It is located at the top of the stairs in the London Rd building. There is still some information left to go on it. LS will provide photos and information for new tree planting around the town to go on it. Cllrs Reece and Thomas are completing the first draft of the open spaces questionnaire and will circulate this to the group for comments. This is for 9 particular open spaces in Halesworth. The survey will go to the nearest neighbours first and then as suggested by Cllr Chadwick it can be circulated on the Council's social media for a wider response.
6. **Quiet Lanes** – Andrew Cassy -Secretary, Quiet Lanes Suffolk spoke about the Quiet Lanes project which helps to afford greater protection to non motorised users of single track rural lanes and to help them retain their rural nature rather than become a rat run or cut through. Snape, Glemsford and Bentley are currently trialling the designation process. More information can be found at <https://sites.google.com/view/quietlanessuffolk> or on their Facebook page. Cllr Reece thought this may be something the Neighbourhood Plan would be interested in and offered to pass over the details. Andrew Cassy left the meeting.
7. **River Update** – Cllr Thomas was not present.
8. **Energy Projects Update** – Cllr Thomas was not present.
9. **Tree Wardens report** – LS gave an update on the tree pruning in the memorial garden by Norse. They will come back in the winter to continue after the birds stopped nesting. Cllr Reece will send the plan that LS and LG have devised for the Swan Lane Play area to the rest of the group for comment. LS also reported on the grass cutting in St Mary's Churchyard. Norse should cut the whole area twice a year and the edges four times a year. Unfortunately, due to C19 the grass cutting schedule is behind. LS is going to ask HIB to fund the edges being cut.
10. **Rewilding Halesworth** – Cllr Chadwick will send potential sites to the Assistant Clerk so she can check the ownership. He will also draft a questionnaire for residents which he will circulate to the group for comments.
11. **Reduction of the use of pesticides in Halesworth** – Cllr Chadwick thought that although HTC has no remit to reduce pesticide use in Halesworth it could possibly

organise an event where residents could bring unwanted pesticides to a planned location and have them collected by ESC waste disposal. The event would be funded by HTC. Cllr Chadwick will explore the options for this and bring a proposal to the next meeting.

**12. Cycle Paths** – MD is attending a meeting held by the Neighbourhood Plan group on cycling in the town.

**13. Plastic reduction** – This is currently off the agenda for the time being as the school are not looking for any involvement with outside agencies due to C19 restrictions.

**14. Correspondence** – None.

**15. Date of next meeting** – Thursday 6pm 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020.