



HALESWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
Environment Committee Meeting Via Zoom
Monday 3rd September 2020

Waveney Local Office
London Road
Halesworth

Present: Cllr Jill Reece (in the Chair), Linda Gray, Martin Dominic, Cllrs Allen, Thomas and Wollweber.

In Attendance: 2 members of the public, Cllr Dutton, Joyce Moseley (Halesworth Neighbourhood Plan Group) and Phillippa Welby (Assistant Clerk)

MINUTES

- 1. Apologies** – Received from Lisa Simmonds and Cllr Chadwick
- 2. Declarations of Interest** – None received
- 3. Minutes of the previous meeting** – The minutes from the meeting of the 10th August 2020 were accepted as a true record.
- 4. Matters arising from the minutes** –
LG asked if DT had had any information on Water Voles from Suffolk Wildlife Trust – not yet.
She also asked DT to clarify what the DCO (development consent order) for SZC is.
Clerk to send Sustrans cycle recommendations to LG.
- 5. Chair's Report** –
The Green Wall in the Council Offices is now complete.
The open spaces project will be divided up between non Cllr members of the Committee:
LG – Chichester Rd and Bensley's Drift
MD – Swan Lane and Kennedy Close
LS – Old Station Rd and Barley Meadow
GM – Gainsborough Dr and Allington Rd
JR will post questionnaires to those Committee members to survey residents closest to the open spaces.
- 6. River Update** – Cllr Thomas is planning to walk the route of the river to map out features and hazards when the weather allows. The tree along Rectory Lane is still to be removed.
- 7. Energy Projects Update** – A member of the public asked the Committee whether they were aware of the habitat mitigation planned by EDF at Halesworth by the sewage works. The Clerk will find information and send to the Committee.
- 8. Tree Wardens report** – LS was absent this month.
- 9. Rewilding Halesworth** – BC was not here to give an update but TA introduced the group to 'Bee Highways' and will liaise with BC on this.
- 10. Reduction of the use of pesticides in Halesworth** – BC was absent this month

11. Cycle Paths – MD attended the Halesworth Neighbourhood Plan cycle discussion group. TA reported that East Suffolk Council have asked the NP group to help update the Halesworth cycle map as part of the overall updating of their cycling and walking strategy. Clerk to circulate map to Committee members.

Joyce Moseley from the Neighbourhood Plan group joined the meeting.

As part of the cycling discussion group, she and one other group member have arranged a meeting with Paul Horne at SCC (Transport Strategy, Growth, Highways and Infrastructure) to look at rerouting National Cycle Route one away from the Thoroughfare and to consider a cycle lane on Saxons Way. She will also ask about the possibility of 20mph through the centre of Halesworth.

A member of the public from the Green Party active transport group brought to Committee's attention that the Government are consulting on the Highway Code currently and that everyone should have their say on this. The update is concerning vulnerable road users - pedestrians, particularly children, older adults and disabled people, cyclists and horse riders. Clerk to circulate details.

12. Correspondence – None received.

13. Date of next meeting – Thursday 1st October at 6.30pm