



HALESWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
Environment Committee Meeting Via Zoom
Thursday 17th December 2020

Waveney Local Office
London Road
Halesworth

Present: Cllr Jill Reece (in the Chair) Cllrs Thomas, Emma Best, Sarah Butt, Lisa Simmonds.

In Attendance: Phillippa Welby (Assistant Clerk)

MINUTES

1. **Apologies** – Cllrs Wollweber and Dunning
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None were received
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** – The minutes from the meeting of the 8th October 2020 were accepted and agreed.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes** - Sarah Butt will take on the rewilding projects after Christmas from Cllr Chadwick. Cllr Reece met with the Neighbourhood Plan group to ensure there is no cross over on projects.
5. **Chair's Report** – Cllr Reece welcomed the new members of the Committee – Emma Best, Sarah Butt and Cllr Dunning (in her absence). The Green Spaces survey will be conducted in February.
6. **Community Garden Project** – LS asked if the residents along Swan Lane would be asked about this project. Cllr Reece confirmed that they would. Cllr Reece also confirmed that the Community Garden proposal if successful would work around the play area. LS asked about the level of maintenance. EB confirmed she was happy with the level of support she already had and hoped that more would be gained as the project developed. The three proposals to put forward to the main Town Council would be as follows:
 - 1) **Permission for the project to be given the go ahead (at no cost to the Council).**
 - 2) **Permission for the tree warden to plant the saplings that will form the woodland garden. (These need to be planted to give them time to grow as the community garden develops) The trees will all be English native trees. (at no cost to the Council) These saplings will be mixed with larger trees provided by Emma's tree surgeons to give an immediate presence.**
 - 3) **Permission for us to purchase a secure metal shed for the storage of equipment and shelter from the weather if necessary. (Cost to come from Environment Committee budget, or Greening of Halesworth budget)**These proposals were agreed unanimously by the Committee.
7. **Energy Projects Update – Fen Meadow SZC** – Cllr Thomas reported that although the SZC was being spoken about positively in the News by the Government there is still an issue of funding to address. The Scottish Power Substation project was at the Issue Specific Hearing stage.
8. **River update** – Cllr Thomas reported that the tree that is the river in the New Reach by the bridge to the Folly will be cleared at a cost shared by the Town Council, East Suffolk Town Council and Millennium Green.

9. Tree Wardens report – There was nothing to report this month.

10. Correspondence – None received.

11. Date of next meeting – 6.30pm Thursday 14th January 2021.