



HALESWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
Environment Committee Meeting Via Zoom
Thursday 4th February 2021

Waveney Local Office
London Road
Halesworth

Present: Cllr Jill Reece (in the Chair), Lisa Simmonds, Martin Dominic, Gabrielle Maughan, Sarah Butt.

In Attendance: Phillippa Welby (Assistant Clerk)

MINUTES

1. **Apologies** – Cllrs Wollweber, Thomas and Dunning.
2. **Declarations of Interest** - None
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** – The minutes were agreed as a true record with the exception of correcting Emma Best’s name.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes** –None.
5. **Chair’s Report** – Cllr Reece reminded Committee members that member’s email addresses are to be used by the Committee members only and not to be given to people outside of the Committee without permission. The only emails available publically are the Cllrs’ Council emails which can be found on the website.
6. **Community Garden Project** – The Council have agreed to trees being planted at the play area to create the wooded area. There was also agreement in principle to the storage shed if it was needed and when costs have been provided. The Council requested that the Committee undertakes a consultation with neighbouring properties to establish whether a community garden was supported and then the Council would review this again at a later meeting.
LS will meet with SB to look at where to plant the trees in the south of the plot. PW to find addresses for community consultation letters for near neighbours to proposed garden.
It was also agreed to open the consultation wider on social media when the near neighbours had been consulted.
LS also stated she was disappointed in the condition of the play equipment as Swan Lane and that she would be contacting the Council to ask them to consider upgrading it and also fencing the area in.
7. **Play areas/green spaces - Kennedy close, Old station road, Barley meadow, Gainsborough drive, Swan Lane** – The questionnaires for these spaces will be conducted at the end of February/beginning of March.
8. **River update** – Cllr Thomas was not in attendance. MD had sent a report to DT for him to consider. A future flooding event report has also been received and will be discussed at the next meeting.
9. **Meeting report** – This covered in the Community Garden item.
10. **Tree Wardens report** – No tree report this month.

- 11. Reading recommendation** – MD recommended a book for the Committee to read called FutureGen by Jane Davidson a former member of the Welsh Assembly about her ground breaking work on her legislation for future generations.
- 12. Correspondence** – JR is in communication with two companies regarding electric car points.
Alison Alder introduced the Blyth Valley Environment Network. This is an organisation that helps people find others with experience and expertise in environmental matters locally. She will send details to the Clerk to circulate.
- 13. Date of next meeting** – Thursday 4th March 6.30pm