



HALESWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
Environment Committee Meeting
Wednesday 31st March 2021

Waveney Local Office
London Road
Halesworth

Present: Cllr Jill Reece (in the Chair), Cllr David Thomas, Cllr Annette Dunning, Lisa Simmonds, and Martin Dominic.

In Attendance: Phillippa Welby (Assistant Clerk)

MINUTES

- 1. Apologies** – None received
- 2. Declarations of Interest** – None received
- 3. Minutes of the previous meeting** – The minutes from the meeting of the 4th March were agreed
- 4. Matters arising from the minutes** – Cllr Reece has been in contact with the car charging company to say that the Council doesn't currently own any land that is suitable but this may change if the asset transfer goes ahead.
- 5. Chair's Report** – Cllr Reece has been offered £1000 worth of free trees from the garden centre that provided the first set for Swan Lane. These will be available in September. The Scion foundation who provide the trees would like to see them in situ when they have been planted and kept informed of their progress.
- 6. Community Garden Project/Swan Lane vandalism** – Unfortunately there has already been some vandalism of the new trees at the Swan Lane play area. The trees that have been pulled up have been replanted and it is hoped that those which have had branches snapped will survive. Next Thursday the path through the wildflower area will be marked out ready for the seed to be sowed. LS suggested that a bench in the top of the triangle looking back over the site towards the town would be a good position. Cllr Dunning suggested that the group waited until the trees had established before siting benches. This was agreed.
- 7. Climate change report** – Martin Dominic presented a report on flooding due to the effects of climate change with slides and outlined a possible solution by creating bunds and using these as cycle paths. Cllr Dunning suggested that the Town Council becomes a lobby group to get maintenance done on the river despite the Environment Agency stating that nothing needed doing. This was agreed by the group. MD and Cllr Thomas will take this project on by starting with a list of issues concerning the river.
- 8. Play areas/green spaces - Kennedy Close, Old Station Road, Barley meadow, Gainsborough Drive, Swan Lane** – The Swan Lane play equipment has now been refurbished and is ready for use. Cllr Reece will begin the second part of the survey asking what residents want on the green areas closest to them and where on the plot they would like it.
- 9. Tree Wardens report** – LS reported that the arboriculturist from East Suffolk has replied and will do some of the work requested.

10. Correspondence – None received.

11. Date of next meeting – Thursday 22nd April 6.30pm