



HALESWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
Environment Committee Meeting in the Day Centre, London Road
Thursday 8th July 2021

Waveney Local Office
London Road
Halesworth

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

In Attendance: Phillippa Welby (Assistant Clerk) Rachel Kellett and 1 member of the public.

MINUTES

- 1. Apologies** – None received
- 2. Declarations of Interest** – None declared.
- 3. Minutes of the previous meeting** – The minutes of the 6th May were agreed by the Committee.
- 4. Matters arising from the minutes** – The representative from East Suffolk Council regarding green grants had been contacted by the Chair and will be asked to attend a future meeting.
- 5. Bramblewood Way** – The area in front of the railway at Bramblewood Way has been suggested for ESC ‘no mow’ scheme. The Assistant Clerk had received some negative comments about this suggestion – it would make the Station appear uncared for; it would make that part of Halesworth unsightly. The Committee voted to put forward the suggestion to full Council on the 26th July.
- 6. Two Projects for approval of the Committee** – MD has put forward two project ideas for the Committee. The first is a comprehensive year long study of the river in Halesworth by himself. This includes monitoring water levels, bank damage, extreme weather effects. The data could then be used to show what action could be taken to alleviate any potential flood risks. This would also necessitate the purchase of a weather station from the Committee’s budget approx. £50 – The Committee agreed to this proposal and it will go to July’s full Council meeting.
The second project is to put on an exhibition on climate change to hopefully raise awareness of the issue. MD then hopes to form the ‘IP19 Climate Change Alliance’. This would enable them to work together to inform local residents on climate issues and what can be done at a local level to tackle this. It would be non political and not a Council committee or working group. MD will organise the setting up of the group with the possibility of Cllr Kellett or Cllr Reece joining the group as a Council representative. – The Committee agreed to this proposal and it will go to July’s full Council meeting.
- 7. Chair’s Report** – Cllr Reece has contacted a horticulturist about the bamboo on the ESC land at Kennedy Avenue/Close and is waiting for more details on how to deal with it.
- 8. Community Garden Project/Swan Lane** – Karen from the Cooperative Society attended the meeting to explain about her role as a ‘Member Pioneer’. This involves her acting as a facilitator for local projects to find help and support. She has worked with a new group of litter pickers in Diss, finding sponsors and helping with Social Media campaigns. She can also organise donations. She was able to provide 200 mince pies for the Halesworth Community Christmas lunches. She was particularly interested in the Council’s Community Garden project. Cllr Reece explained that this is currently on hold whilst

they find someone interested in taking it on. Cllr Kellett has expressed an interest in the project. Cllr Reece will visit the site with her in the near future. The Assistant Clerk asked if it would be appropriate to point other community projects in her direction. She confirmed that she would be happy to receive approaches from any groups looking for help.

9. Correspondence – The Assistant Clerk has received correspondence from a resident interested in setting up a regular litter picking group for the Town Park. The Town Council has provided litter pickers and bag hoops. He is looking for help to coordinate the group. Clerk to pass on Karen's details.

10. Date of next meeting – 2nd September 2021