

**Wednesday 14th June, 2022 at 6.30pm held in the Day Centre,
London Rd, Halesworth**

Present: Councillors; J Moseley (Chair), A Dunning, R Kellett, R Lewis.

In Attendance: P Welby (Assistant Town Clerk), Lisa Simmonds.

Minutes

1. Apologies – Martin Dominic

2. Declarations of Interest - None

3. Minutes of the last meeting – The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.

4. Matters arising from the minutes:

There were reports at the Jubilee events that there are parts of the Skate Park that need attention – Clerk to attend to.

EV charging points – Woodbridge Town Council have confirmed that these have been installed on land belonging to ESC. District Cllrs Cackett and Goldson are following this up for Halesworth. This also needs following up with the Thoroughfare working group. Cllr Kellett will follow up with the District Cllrs.

5. Reclaim the Rain – Unfortunately Halesworth was not successful in their bid for this project but it is a pilot scheme so if successful it may present other opportunities.

6. Flooding and Environment Agency leaflet – The Neighbourhood Plan group did a large amount of work to engage with the Environment Agency and the Agency produced a leaflet on flood risk in Halesworth.

Cllr Kellett will work on building a communication strategy to get the EA leaflet to the community. She will look into producing an information board to situate near the river.

The Clerk will put a reminder on Facebook that the leaflet is available on our website.

Cllr Moseley will send the shorter version of the leaflet to the Committee.

7. Committee Action Plan – to receive the updated version

It was decided by the Committee to focus on three ‘Environmental’ objectives – Facilitating the arrival of EV chargers for Halesworth, an ambitious tree planting scheme and the facilitating of a plastic free town.

Cllr Kellett is already following up the EV chargers.

Cllr Kellett and Lisa Simmonds will work out a strategy for tree planting in Halesworth.

Cllr Dunning will revisit the Plastic Free town work she had done before.

Cllr Kellett was also inspired by Woodbridge’s climate summit and would like to organise one for Halesworth, showcasing what people can do at a local level to lower their carbon footprint.

Cllr Dunning leaves the meeting at 7.40pm

The Skate Park was briefly discussed. Cllr Kellett had instigated an informal chat with children using the skatepark at the Jubilee event. They were keen for it to stay in the park and would like to keep it wooden rather than concrete. They stated they would very much like the ramps to be filled in to stop the rubbish and leaves blowing in and cover over the park so they can use it in the wet.

The Skate Park will be on the agenda next month.

Cllr Moseley asked the Clerk to get like for like replacement quotes for the ramps.

8. Open Spaces – plans following the Council’s agreement of CIL money – The Council agreed £10000 of CIL money to continue with Jill Reece’s plans for open spaces in Halesworth.

Cllr Moseley will now start the process of contacting ESC for the relevant permissions.

Lisa Simmonds will look at the free trees offer from Sicon.

9. Consideration of budget – an update – The Committee will need to set a three year budget in October.

10. News Items – Any items for the Council’s media outlets. – The assistant Clerk will share the visiting theatre group’s details and the Environment Agency factsheet on the Council’s social media.

11. Correspondence - None

12. Date of Next Meeting – 13th July 2022 6.30pm