

**Wednesday 12th July 2023 at 6.30pm held in the Council Chambers,
London Rd, Halesworth**

Present: Councillors; J Moseley (Chair), K Greenberg, R Kellett.

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

1 member of the public

Minutes

- 1. Apologies** – Ben Waters
- 2. Declarations of Interest** - None
- 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting** – 14th June 2023 were agreed with the correction of Cllr Cackett instead of Cllr Lewis.
- 4. Matters arising from the minutes:**

Jen Berry's Bench – RK had received correspondence from both District Cllrs who were unable to fund this outright and had suggested a crowd funding initiative. RK will investigate a GoFundMe page and contact Jen's relatives. The Clerk will clarify the Locality budget with ESC Cllrs.

Hopkins Homes – Philip Perkins has chased Hopkins Homes regarding the play space on the Chediston development. They are still working with their designers on the safety aspects of the equipment.

SZC Fen Meadow – RK will contact the original contact.
- 5. Council Strategic Plan & Action Plan** – JM to follow up with AD on the action plan. There will be a full page spread in the HCN regarding the Council's Strategic Plan.
- 6. Town Marketing Coordinator** – JM, Cate Evans (INK Festival), Pauline Wilcock (Halesworth & District Museum, Tourism Group) and Jo McCallum (ESC) to make up the interview panel for the position. There are currently 13 on the shortlist. The marketing group are now looking at a completely new URL for the website for Halesworth and will be developing a new brand in conjunction with consultants and the new Marketing Coordinator to supersede the 'H'.
- 7. Open Spaces** – Work on the new benches for Kennedy Close, Allington Road and Old Station Road has begun.

The allotments are in the remit of Assets and Services Committee. PW to write to ESC housing regarding the site at Chichester Rd.

8. Treescape bid – The treescape was unfortunately out of time.

9. Tree Planting – RK put forward a proposal that the Committee would plant six appropriate trees (possibly Prunus ‘Sunset Boulevard’) sourced by ESC along the east side of Saxons Way on SCC land dependant on licencing agreement from SCC. This was seconded by KG. All in favour.

PW to look at adding this to the planters’ application and to contact ESC to clarify who’s paying for the trees.

The location of the trees will pose no problems for residents as they are on the north side of any housing. The type of tree suggested are low maintenance, but any future maintenance will be covered by HTC.

10. Climate Convention – JM will open the convention on Friday as Chair of the Town Council and of the Leisure & Environment Committee. The Neighbourhood Plan group are meeting on the 5th of August to plan their part in the convention. LS will be running a stall with free trees to give away.

11. Skate Park – no update this month on the skatepark. JM will be meeting Sam Kenward (ESC) for a handover.

12. Update on Wayfinding Steering Group – This will now belong on the Planning and Highways Committee.

13. News Items – PW to check on inclusion of the Climate Conference and Millennium White Bridge in the HCN article.

14. Correspondence – PW will contact Halesworth in Bloom to ascertain whether their brochure could be digitalised.

The Council had been approached by Hedgehogs R Us to support their Hedgehog Highways campaign. The charity is looking for £150 for fence hole surrounds to let hedgehogs travel between gardens. 130 local councils have already signed up to this. Cate Evans volunteered to put together a scheme to encourage neighbours to get involved to allow hedgehogs to go between multiple gardens in a road. This to be launched at the Climate Convention.

JM proposed that subject to finding the £150 funding and checks on the charity that the Committee agrees to buy the hedgehog box containing the fence surrounds and information leaflets. This was seconded by RK all in favour.

15. Date of Next Meeting – to discuss changing the slot to the second Tuesday of the month **13th September 2023**.