



## LEISURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

HALESWORTH  
TOWN COUNCIL

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 6.30pm held in the Council Chambers,  
London Rd, Halesworth**

**Present:** Councillors; J Moseley (Chair), R Kellett, G Pattison.  
L Simmonds (co-opted member5).

In Attendance: Phillippa Welby (Deputy Town Clerk)

### Minutes

- 1. Apologies** – Cllr Greenberg and Gini Williams.
- 2. Declarations of Interest** None
- 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting** – The minutes of the previous 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024 were agreed.
- 4. H-ASH activities/Climate Conference feedback** – RK has written a report for Cllrs. To circulate.  
H-ASH have agreed to another conference next year to keep up the momentum. With possibly energy as its theme. They would also like to involve young people more besides the primary school workshops.  
It was agreed that £1000 be allowed in the 25/26 budget to fund a consultant electrician to explore an energy efficiency project for housing in Halesworth.
- 5. Skatepark and MUGA/Basketball court (multi use games area)**
  - a) Bridge report and next steps – The independent bridge report commissioned by HTC has shown the middle bridge is not up to standard and will not support anything heavier than pedestrians. The lack of vehicular access to the MUGA/Skatepark/Teen shelter is the primary hold up for lack of development to these.  
A quote to renew the existing equipment with additions and closing in the side of the ramps was received from one company and has given HTC a ballpark figure of around £120k for this.
  - b) Funding for bridge strengthening - It was agreed to pay £1500 for a set of technical drawings that show how the bridge can be underpinned and strengthened. These can then be used to get quotes for the work. This may also have implications for the asset transfer.
- 6. Trees**
  - a) Saxons Way Planting Progress – waiting for ESSL quote to put 5 trees in.
  - b) Plans for tree giveaway at Christmas – This is organised with the Co-op and Father Christmas. Clerks' office to send the poster to schools.

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- c) Platinum Jubilee Oak – The second tree has now gone missing. LS to look at more robust tree protection and other potential sites for the new tree. The heritage tree mapping is now complete. This will be included on the HTC website as a resource.

**7. Marketing Stakeholder Working Group**

- a) September MSWG meeting notes – received by the committee.
- b) New members of MSWG – new representatives from the White Swan, Church and You Drink.
- c) Draft Job description – this was agreed with by the committee on the proviso the budget for the position was agreed.
- d) September Success report – received.

**8. Workplan –** Managing open spaces, this needs a lead.

Renewal of play equipment – JM to write brief in 2025.

Environmental policy – to be on agenda in Nov

**9. Correspondence –** A resident has requested the replacement of the trees on the corner of Queens Drive and Walpole Rd. There used to be three cherry trees. These, along with others along Queens Drive, have been removed, possibly due to disease. It was agreed to make an application to SCC Highways to replace the missing trees at Queens Drive/Walpole Rd.

**10. Date of Next Meeting – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024. No meeting in December.**

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