



# Kington Town Council



Members of the Environment Committee of Kington Town Council  
you are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of

## The Environment Committee

On **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 at 6.30 pm** or on conclusion of the  
**Planning Committee meeting, whichever is later**

**At**

**The Old Police Station, Market Hall Street, Kington**

**Committee Members:** Mayor R. Widdowson, Deputy Mayor Cllr. E. Banks, Deputy Mayor Cllr. M. Fitton,  
Cllrs T. Bounds, J. Cooke, P. Edwards, J. Gardner, R. MacCurrach, D. Redmayne and I. Spencer

### Agenda

1. To receive apologies, declarations of interest and requests for dispensation
2. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on [17<sup>th</sup> January 2022](#)
3. To consider and agree draft terms of reference for the Climate Emergency Working Party
4. To consider report from working party to consider Community Resilience
5. To consider and agree draft terms of reference for the Dog Fouling Working Group
6. To consider response to Balfour Beatty regarding verge cutting programme
7. Standing items for discussion
  - 7.1 Health & Safety
  - 7.2 Town Centre
  - 7.3 Kington in Bloom
  - 7.4 Allotments
  - 7.5 Recycling
  - 7.6 Churchyard
  - 7.7 Community Energy
  - 7.8 Economic Development
  - 7.9 Footpaths
  - 7.10 War Memorial
  - 7.11 Trees: Queen's Green Canopy
  - 7.10 KLEEN
8. Date of next meeting and Items for the next agenda

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**KINGTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Climate Emergency Working Party**  
**Draft Terms of Reference**

**Objective**

Kington Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and now wishes to identify ways that this town council can further the aims and objectives of this declaration within the work of the town council and the wider community

**Membership**

The group will consist of a minimum of 3 Town Councillors plus such other members as the group thinks fit, including members of the public or others who can contribute towards the brief.

**Tasks**

1. To investigate how other parish and town councils are addressing this issue with a view to identifying good practice
2. To review current policies, procedures and practices of the town council to identify changes that may reduce the town council's carbon footprint and that of residents, contractors and others
3. Making recommendations for further action to Full Council through the Environment Committee

**Delegated Powers**

The group can:

1. Appoint additional members of the working party, as required
2. Enter into discussions with other parishes, Herefordshire Council officers and members of the public to identify good practice and resources available locally and nationally
3. Seek preliminary budget prices for any recommended actions
4. Undertake such other tasks as may be required to prepare a final report for consideration by the town council and/or any of its committees, consistent with town council financial regulations, procurement policies and procedures and standing orders.

# **KINGTON TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Dog Fouling Working Party**

### **Draft Terms of Reference**

#### **Objective**

Complaints about dog fouling are a constant problem within Kington. The working party aims to investigate and report to the Environment Committee with proposals to help reduce this problem.

#### **Membership**

The group will consist of a minimum of 3 Town Councillors plus such other members as the group thinks fit, including members of the public or others who can contribute towards the brief.

#### **Tasks**

1. Investigate the extent of the problem within Kington
2. Investigate how other parish and town councils are addressing this issue with a view to identifying good practice
3. Making recommendations for further action to Full Council through the Environment Committee

#### **Delegated Powers**

The group can:

1. Appoint additional members of the working party, as required
2. Enter into discussions with other parishes, Herefordshire Council officers and members of the public to identify good practice and resources available locally and nationally
3. Seek preliminary budget prices for any recommended actions
4. Undertake such other tasks as may be required to prepare a final report for consideration by the town council and/or any of its committees, consistent with town council financial regulations, procurement policies and procedures and standing orders.



**From:** fnc-LPL herefordshireparishes@bblivingplaces.com Mailbox  
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**Sent:** 17 February 2022 11:09  
**To:** fnc-LPL herefordshireparishes@bblivingplaces.com Mailbox  
**Subject:** Verge Cutting Programme 2022

Dear Parish / Town Clerk,

As we begin to leave the colder weather behind us and move into spring we are planning for this year's verge cutting programme. As with last year we will be cutting the verges twice as contracted; our first verge cut is currently scheduled to take place around the May Bank Holiday and the second cut towards the end of the growing season towards the end of August. Specific timings may vary dependent on environment conditions and growth.

Last year we had listened to feedback from many parishes who wished to have only the second verge cut in the late summer where there was a wish to encourage greater biodiversity in the verge. By having only one cut any wildflowers in the verge are given the opportunity to flower and set seed over the summer providing food for key pollinators and also habitat for wildlife.

I am pleased to communicate that we are again open to feedback from the Parishes as to whether you wish to have 1 cut carried out towards the end of the growing season or whether you wish for us to carry out 2 cuts. Whilst we are happy to consider Parishes that may wish to identify specific roads or stretches that are to be left during the first cut, we will refer to the Locality Steward for feedback in relation to safety concerns. During the last cutting season, our contractors were required to return to areas due to safety concerns after stretches of roads had been requested to be left. Please note, ALL verges will receive a second cut towards the end of the cutting season. I am aware that some Clerks have already indicated that they wish to be included for this year's programme but I would ask that you would indicate your preference in reply to this email so that I can co-ordinate the responses and help build the programme with our grounds maintenance team.

If you have any roads that you would like to nominate to not receive a cut please can I ask that you responses are returned by **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**. Herefordshire Council's interactive map is available at <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/travel-transport/highways-public-rights-way-map> where the road name/number can be found by clicking on the line. Alternatively, you can pin point the locations using Grid Reference Finder at <https://gridreferencefinder.com/>. Whilst we appreciate the request for a section of a road to not receive a cut, this can be difficult to communicate to the contractor physically carrying out the works and therefore, we encourage full road lengths to not receive cuts as opposed to sections of road. However, we will of course consider all requests and communicate if there are any issues posed.

Safety is of paramount importance so any locations on A & B class roads cannot be considered. Visibility splays and junctions will continue to receive regular cuts though the growing season as well as our teams making reactive visits to sites that are identified through feedback to our customers services team or Locality Stewards.

Thank you,

**Molly Walters**

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