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**Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting**

held on Monday 16th January 2023

at the Old Police Station, Market Hall Street, Kington

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| **PRESENT** | **In attendance** |
| Cllr. P. Sell |  |
| Cllr. E. Banks | Liz Kelso – Town Clerk |
| Cllr. J. Cooke (chair) | Ruth Robinson – Assistant clerk |
| Cllr. R. Warne  Cllr. I. Spencer  Cllr. R. Widdowson |  |
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|  | **Agenda item** |  |
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| **Env 001-23** | **1** | **ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE COMMMITTEE** |
|  |  | Agenda item withdrawn. |
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| **Env 002-23** | **2** | **APOLOGIES, DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION** |
|  |  | Apologies were noted from Cllr. D. Redmayne. There were no declarations of interest and no requests for dispensation. |
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| **Env 003-23** | **3** | **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18th JULY 2022** |
|  |  | The Minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2022, which had been previously circulated, were agreed and the Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes as a true record of proceedings at that meeting. |
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| **Env 004-23** | **4** | **STANDING ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION** |
|  |  | 1. **Health and Safety**   There was nothing to report under this agenda item at this time.   1. **Town Centre**   Cllrs agreed that Place de Marines is in need of a clean.  Clerk to approach Chamber of Trade to ascertain if a litter pick/clean is planned shortly, as they have done this on previous occasions. Otherwise, this will be reported to the landowner   1. **Kington in Bloom**   It was noted that full council approved the quotation from J&P Turners to plant up the town planters for the Coronation of the new King in May, although some plant choices will be dependent upon the weather conditions at the time. The company will also maintain the planters again in the forthcoming year.   1. **Allotments**   It was reported that a new gate installed and some land cleared at the allotments   1. **Recycling**   It was reported that the new recycling bins for residents are due at the end of the year.   1. **Churchyard**   As Community Payback Scheme are no longer available, assistant clerk will contact  The Herefordshire Wildlife Trust to see if they can assist with maintenance of the  churchyard.  It was proposed that Company A (John Cromar’s Agricultural Company Ltd) be employed  for the tree survey of the churchyard to start work in the Spring.    Assistant clerk is to obtain quotes for repair of damaged compost bin and obtain further  skip hire quotations.   1. **Community Energy**   It was reported that investigations into the feasibility of the community energy proposal are still ongoing.   1. **Economic Development**   There was nothing to report under this agenda item at this time.   1. **Footpaths and Highway matters**   It was reported that a member of the public had reported that the foliage from the garden of a house on Headbrook was encroaching across the footpath. Clerk to report to Herefordshire Council.   1. **War Memorial**   It was proposed to arrange a professional clean of the memorial. Assistant clerk to obtain quotes from specialist companies to this end.   1. **Trees**   There was nothing to report under this agenda item at this time.   1. **KLEEN**   There was nothing to report under this agenda item at this time. |
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| **Env 005-23** | **5.** | **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA** |
|  |  | The next meeting will take place on Monday 20th March 2023 at 6.30pm. There were no items raised for the next agenda. |
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|  |  | There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed. |
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