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Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting

held on Monday 17th September 2018 at 6.30 pm in
The Old Police Station, Market Hall Street, St, Kington.

PRESENT

In attendance

Cllr. J. Dennis – Chair
Cllr. E. Banks
Cllr. T. Bounds
Cllr. M. Fitton
Cllr. R. MacCurrach
Cllr. I. Wood-Johnson

Cllr. F. Hawkins

Liz Kelso (Clerk)

Agenda item

- Env 023-18 1. **APOLOGIES**
Apologies were noted from Cllrs. R. Banks and C. Forrester
- Env 024-18 2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**
There were no declarations of interest and no requests for dispensation.
- Env 025-18 3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16TH JULY 2018**
The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2018, which had been previously circulated were accepted. The Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes as a true record of proceedings at that meeting.
- Env 026-18 4. **WASTE MANAGEMENT**
A planned presentation by Herefordshire Council's Waste Management team could not take place as planned but Members reviewed the presentation slides as provided. It was agreed that there is some confusion about what can be recycled it was suggested that a list be put on notice boards and that the guidance document be reissued. After some discussion, it was agreed that further guidance on what can be taken to the household recycling centre be provided for the next meeting.
- Env 027-18 5. **STANDING ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**
1. Health & Safety
 - Concern was expressed at the condition of the guttering at 33 High Street. The Clerk is to speak to Balfour Beatty to ask what can be done.
 - A request was made for a second defibrillator to be installed at the other end of Town from the current location. The Clerk will investigate whether this is possible.

2. Town Centre

A pavement sweep was requested for the Town Centre but it was noted that machinery used by Balfour Beatty for this is too large for our narrow pavements. The Clerk will discuss the options with Balfour Beatty

3. Kington in Bloom

Members noted that the boxes are looking good. Expenditure to date was noted with approximately £130.00 remaining in the budget for this financial year. It was agreed to request that any unspent money be rolled forward to the next financial year.

4. Allotments

There was nothing to report under this agenda item.

5. Recycling

There was nothing further to report under this agenda item.

6. Churchyard

The planning application for the removal of the dead birch tree is being progressed. A Rowan Tree also appears to be dying. In response to a question raised, it was noted that no replacement trees are proposed. Further consideration of recommendations following the survey last year will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

7. Community Energy

There was nothing to report under this agenda item.

8. Economic Development

There was nothing to report on this agenda item.

9. Footpaths Scheme

The Working Party formed to progress this item confirmed that a meeting is scheduled for interested parties, but excluding the parish councils, on 25th September. There followed a discussion about the inclusion of nearby parishes into the proposed scheme and it was agreed that this would be considered further. The Clerk reminded Members that this project is to consider a proposal by the Local Access Forum to re-launch a footpath maintenance programme.

10. War Memorial

There was nothing further to report on this agenda item.

11. Quarry Liaison

It was noted that despite attempts to ascertain when meetings are being held, there has been no response to date.

12. Trees

There was nothing further to report on this agenda item.

13. KLEEN

There was nothing to report on this agenda item.

Env 028-18 **5** **REPORT FROM DOG FOULING GROUP**
Members noted that signs have been put up in various locations felt to be “hot spots”. In the meantime Cllr. Fitton reminded the group that the enforcement officers at Herefordshire Council had offered to come to Kington for two to three days so dates need to be agreed with them. This would be a high profile visit to emphasise to all residents the importance of clearing up after their dogs.

Env 029-18 **6.** **REVIEW OF ETHICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**
It was agreed that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

Env 030-18 **6** **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**
It was agreed that the following be included on the agenda for the next meeting:

- Review of the Ethical and Environmental Policy
- Repairs to benches in Crooked Well Meadow
- Repairs to the bench outside the Library
- Additional benches/seating

The next meeting will take place on Monday 19th November at 6.30pm in the Old Police Station

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

Signed
Chair of Environment Committee

Date