



Kington Town Council

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Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting

held on Monday 15th July 2019 at 6.30 pm in
The Old Police Station, Market Hall Street, St, Kington.

PRESENT

In attendance

Cllr. I. Wood Johnson (in the chair)

Cllr. E. Banks

Cllr. J. Cooke

Cllr. P. Edwards

Cllr. R. Griffiths

Cllr. R. Widdowson

Cllr. F. Hawkins

Liz Kelso - Clerk

Agenda item

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| Env 025.19 | 1. | APOLOGIES
Apologies were noted from Cllrs. T. Bounds, J. Dennis & M. Fitton |
| Env 026.19 | 2 | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION
There were no declarations of interest and no requests for dispensation. |
| Env 027.19 | 3. | MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20th MAY 2019
The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 th May, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed and the Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes as a true record of proceedings at that meeting. |
| Env 028.19 | 4 | ETHICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY
It was agreed to defer a decision on any amendments to the Ethical and Environmental Policy until after the Climate Emergency Briefing being held on 29 th July. |
| Env 029.19 | 5 | STANDING ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
1) Health & Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was reported that the wall off Mill Furlong Lane has been damaged by a vehicle and is cracked at the base. The Clerk will report this to Balfour Beatty• A kerb stone is missing in the High Street, creating a trip hazard.• At the Tavern roundabout a drain cover is loose.• It was reported that an air quality survey had taken place in 2017 on behalf of Friends of the Earth and air quality in Kington was well within acceptable levels. |

2) Town Centre

Volunteers have recently cleared several footpaths around the Town Centre and removed weeds from the bottom of the wall by the Churchyard.

3) Kington in Bloom

- Members noted that the boxes are looking good and being well maintained.
- The Kington in Bloom working party has not met but would do so shortly to confirm the budget.

4) Allotments

There was nothing to report on this agenda item.

5) Recycling

It was noted that the recycling centre continues to perform well. It was agreed to ask Herefordshire Council where recycling materials are taken once sorted and to request a visit to the sorting centre.

6) Churchyard

- It was agreed to defer consideration of any further work required on the trees following last year's tree report to the next meeting. In the meantime a working party was set up to review options, consisting of Cllrs. E. Banks, R. Griffiths and R. MacCurrach
- It was noted that the contract for cutting the grass in the churchyard is due for renewal. The Clerk will draft a specification for consideration at the next meeting.

7) Community Energy

There was nothing further to report on this agenda item.

8) Economic Development

There was nothing to report on this agenda item.

9) Footpaths Scheme

It was noted that Cllr. Wood Johnson would meet with the Walking Hub group who have taken responsibility for footpath maintenance with a view to getting finger posts renewed in several locations.

10) War Memorial

There was nothing further to report on this agenda item although it was noted that the flower box looks very nice.

11) Quarry Liaison

Despite several attempts to make contact with the Quarry, there has been no response so the Quarry Liaison representative has not been able to attend any meetings.

12) Trees

There was nothing further to report on this agenda item although members noted that there is evidence of Ash dieback throughout the town.

13) **KLEEN**

It was noted that the AGM had recently taken place when it had been reported that efforts were being made to obtain an electric vehicle although no decision has been taken on whether this should be leased or purchased. It was also reported that a request is to be made for a dedicated parking space in the Mill Street Car Park.

14) **Climate Emergency Working Party**

The Climate Emergency Working party is working towards preparing a report with recommendations to Full Council. In the meantime, the Great Collaboration briefing will take place on Monday 29th July at the Old Police Station and all Town Councillors and Parish Councillors from surrounding parishes are to be encouraged to attend.

Env 030.19

6. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

The next meeting will take place on Monday 16th September at 6.30pm in the Old Police Station. It was agreed that the disposal of green waste from volunteer clearance activities would be an item for the agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 7.10pm

Signed

Chair of Environment Committee

Date