

The Minutes of the meeting of the Leisure and Environment Committee held on;

DATE & TIME	Friday 17 th January 2020 - 4PM at Southwold Town Hall
PLACE	Committee Room at TOWN HALL

Minutes

Item	Subject	Details
1	Present	Cllrs; Goldsmith, Jeans, Ladd, Rowan-Robinson Also the Town Mayor and Town Clerk 1 member of the public.
2	Apologies and Declarations of Interest	Cllr D Beavan
3	Minutes of previous meeting	To note the minutes of the previous meeting
	Standing Orders- public section.	The member of the public asked about the marshes/ common report and the actions that are to be progressed.
4	Southwold Town Council Priorities for L and E 2019– 22	<p><i>See List attached.</i></p> <p>Year round community events – see agenda item 6. If enterprise development mgr can be appointed, then this role could be carried out by them.</p> <p>Public greens and open spaces and biodiversity – see agenda item 7</p> <p>Town Marshes – see agenda item 7</p> <p>Beach and prom – CS to organise walk with Norse and stakeholders before April</p> <p>CS to remind Norse of the action required at Gun Hill regarding erosion – and the footpath from Ferry Road to Gun Hill.</p> <p>Cliffs – it was suggested that the alexander should be cut before seeding and regularly thereafter – CS to discuss with Norse. Norse fund 1 cut per year – Land E would need to consider funding extra cuts. (subsequent to meeting Norse will consider whether their 1 cut can be in June – would usually be Sept/ Oct).</p> <p>Collections at events – n/a for existing events</p> <p>Other community events – Cllr Jeans mentioned that Sam Culwick is organising community event over Easter and may be in need of support for this event. Cllr Ladd suggested that he may be able to assist with Locality finding – Sam to contact him direct.</p>
5.	Other matters to consider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue Plaque Scheme meeting – <i>Cllr Rowan Robinson</i> advised that Stephen Wells/ Historical Society will discuss next week. Cllr Jeans had a name that may be appropriate – name to be supplied to MRR. CS to diarise 1 week for update. Southwold Guide Map – agree budget/ cost to reprint. Costs are being finalised. Map will be amended to include Boating Lake area and walks from there. Map of walks also forms part of the actions recommended from feasibility study. Action ESC to liaise with designers on the amendments. CS to chase quotes. Cllr Ladd will provide some funding from locality Budget. Other stakeholders to be approached including ESC ward Cllr as part of tourism delivery. STC to consider funding any balance. Subsequent to meeting Cllr Ladd approved funding – Swan Hotel approached as a user of the maps. Climate Emergency implications for L and E – Priority D) 2019 -22. Cllr Jeans suggested that the focus should be on landscape/ rewilding and biodiversity. It was also suggested that reducing outside light pollution may be a project to promote. The Chair suggested that rising sea levels need to be considered – see Jt coastline mgt plan – the public need to be aware of what the major authorities are / are not doing and how that will affect Southwold. Cllr Ladd advised that the need for the formation of a multi stakeholder group now needs to be progressed. Action – Cllr Ladd to provide list of potential stakeholders to LJB to progress the setting up of a meeting. MP to be invited as per the Kessingland stakeholder group. Blyth Estuary group to be advised

		<p>that this is being arranged in view of climate emergency implications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaning of pavements – Norse advise that there is no budget this year to undertake this work. Some businesses are taking action individually to ensure that their boundary pavements are kept clean. Land E cttee agreed that STC should do the same for the frontage of all its properties – CS to obtain quotes. CS to contact Norse re the need to regularly clean the top of the prom from Reading Road to South Green shelter and under all of the seats – tourism related issue. Ward Cllr to be copied into correspondence. Action CS - It was suggested that the cabinet member for tourism at ESC be advised that there are concerns about the Norse cleaning regimes and the potential adverse effect on tourism (see complaints being received). • Front of town garden - contactor – Land E cttee noted the challenges with volunteers maintaining this garden – suggested that the contractors continue to maintain. Agreed by all. • Community Beach wheelchair for 2020 – Thanks extended to ward Cllr and Sole Bay care for funding purchase of a beach wheelchair. Will be owned by Town Council - Pier to be asked to store and make available until the lifeguard hut is manned – then to be maintained and made available by lifeguards at Pier end of beach – CS to action. Discussion re second chair for Gun Hill end of beach – Cllr Ladd advised that he strongly support the provision of a second chair and would be able to allocate some funding in the new financial year. • Fireworks on beach – Both the police and ESC have received complaints regarding the potential HandS risks as this event gets larger each year. Some people do now believe that this is an organised display – in its recent newsletter the town council has notified that this is not the case and that fireworks must only be set off in lawful places. ESC manage/own the prom and it is in their remit to take any action as they feel appropriate. No further action required by STC. CS to diarise for Dec 2020 to put notices on social media etc that the fireworks have nothing to do with STC and are not an organised event. • Dogs on Beach/ organised events – Discussion re the number of events that should be permitted for any one organisation. It was suggested that one per annum is appropriate. ESC to be asked to support this view – action LB • Litter Pick – Love East Suffolk campaign – The Common Trust to be asked to organise the litter pick for this year. Discussion re other places in Southwold that are in need of litter picking – it was suggested that the road leading over Mights Bridge be picked and that Reydon p c be asked to consider their part of the road too. It was suggested that this may need to be a regular event – CS to obtain quotes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone box – pier Ave – the phone box is being decommissioned. STC has noted interest in purchasing for £1. Letter from BT states that box should house a defib. Noted
6	Parish Community Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commonwealth Day – flag raising – 9th March – CS to action. • VE Day – <i>Friday 8th May 2020</i> – now a Bank Holiday. Cllr Ladd advised that Xmas lights cttee holding an event on 9th May – 1940's style. It was suggested that STC will now not ned to organise more that the gov schedule. CS to review and provide timings and Promote whole weekend events. CS to discuss with church re bells/ church service etc. • Suffolk Day – Sunday 21st June – CS to note to fly flag. Consideration that Southwold be nominated as the Suffolk Day Town for 2021 / 2022. CS - Mark Murphy to be contacted to make the request. • Cruise Ship – <i>11th July 2020</i> and <i>20th Sept 2020</i> – it was agreed that STC will try and assist the facilitation of the Sept event to encourage the visitors to stay in the town during the visit. ESC Business Develop Team to be asked to assist – CS to action. • Consider other community events as per Priority C) 2019-2022 – see circus community event as above. Sole/ Herring Festival – for next agenda

7	Environmental matters – timelines and completion dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public open spaces consultation – update re consultation, and next steps – rewilding areas – way forward? As per Priority D) 2019 – 2022. – Meeting re pilot scheme taking place with Norse next week. • Ferry Road garden – stakeholder group to meet – Cllr Goldsmith advised that she has started researching possible schemes for the area including; making the previous paved areas into plant beds, unpaved areas to rewild, sensory garden. To include the area at the back of the garden that goes onto Ferry Road footpath. Lady from market could provide some wild seeds for approx. £20/£30. Action – Cllr Goldsmith to liaise with neighbours/ other stakeholders/ Marshes/ Common report – <i>note action points</i> including drainage works. As per Priority D) 2020-21. <p>a) Cllr Rowan Robinson has checked the sluice by Bailey Bridge, and this seems to be working and dyke is clearing slowly. Culvert under road on Town Marshes is also clearing slowly. Will take a long while to drain completely.</p> <p>b) Pony marshes – contractor still waiting for dry weather for the work to be done.</p> <p>c) Scrape – see report – see previous minutes – Action MRR</p> <p>d) Bird Hide – or bird platform to be considered. Action MRR</p> <p>e) Consultant for funding application – to be considered as a joint approach with Common Trust</p> <p>f) Liaison with tenant – CS/MRR to set up meeting with tenant and NE.</p>
8	Play areas and Open space improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Ping’ projects Outdoor table tennis tables – Tibbys Green – <i>now installed</i> . Rospa report repairs – Norse have been asked to do the works – CS to chase . Skatepark repairs/ maintenance – Norse. CS to chase
9	Date of next meeting	13 th March at 3pm

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