

**LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT Minutes from meeting held on 9th February 2023 at
11am
REP L and E 01/2023**

AGENDA

Item	Subject	Details
1	Present	<p>Clrs Goldsmith (PG) – Chair, Jordan (JJ), Rowan-Robinson (MRR), and Bradbury (IRB). The Town Clerk and two members of the public.</p>
2	Apologies and Declarations of Interest	<p>Apologies were received from Cllr Sutton - these were noted.</p>
3	Minutes of previous meeting	<p>See notes of the previous meeting. Noted.</p>
4	Skatepark Group	<p>Funding and pledges received of approx. £120k to date. Timeline developed for the process to get to construction, with construction in September 2023, opening half term October 2023. Simon Walker ESC has met with the group and has provided some tender templates to assist the group with the tender process. Comms update to be provided about the project. KIV to keep providers of the gallopers up to date with the project.</p>
5	Standing Orders- public section.	<p>A member of the public asked about the arrangements for the Coronation celebrations, and advised members that were keen to be involved.</p> <p>A member of the public spoke about the Easton Marshes County Wildlife site and asked about the vision for the site. There are many landowners whose land is included within the site – of which the Town Council is the owner of the boating lake/lagoon. Suffolk Wildlife Trust have an officer whose role is to advise parties whose land is included in any of the 900 sites in Suffolk. The adviser would apparently be willing to meet with STC to consider this particular site. The Chair advised that she would be willing to meet the SWT officer – Mr Hart – meeting to be arranged for April/ May.</p>
6	Environmental matters – timelines and completion dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ferry Road Garden</i> – members were advised that the sealing of the path would take place soon and then the fencing at the front of the garden will be removed. Volunteers will help to look after the garden, as well as the monthly upkeep by the contractors – regular access to water will need further consideration. • <i>Marshes management including ditch, sluice and culvert works.</i> There are no works pending and no issues with the management of the water levels at present. MRR will monitor. The tenant has now been advised that they will receive interim funding. Council to liaise with tenant about capital improvement works planned under the funding agreement.

		<p>Other matters – it was suggested that Mr Hancock be invited to be an advisory member of the cttee (non-voting) for specific environmental discussions. Terms of reference to be drawn up as to which discussions these could include. Draft T of R to be prepared for Council to consider.</p> <p>Scattering of poppy seeds – Cllr Bradbury asked for a budget of £50 to plant more poppy seeds. Agreed by all.</p> <p>Denes beach – EA has rated this as excellent in 2022 for the first time</p>
8	Leisure and Other matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Events 2023 - Coronation and Charter Fayre – Coronation – 6th May 2023 – the Chair advised members and public of the arrangements made to date for the 6th May 2023. These include a band playing on Gun Hill.</i> A member of the public spoke about the decorations in the High Street at the previous coronation in 1953 and asked what had been planned for the High Street. Discussion about High Street decorations and the challenges around legislation, permissions etc now required. The member of the public advised that they would like to replicate the crown/ lion that was displayed in 1953 – it was agreed for the member of the public to investigate this further. It was suggested that the flags be placed in the holders along the High Street. Planting of colour in some of the public spaces — costs to be ascertained for plants. <i>Charter Fayre – there are some concerns from people residing in the vicinity of the Fayre including access to properties, and noise of generators.</i> Meeting has been held with the Stocks family to try and see if/how such concerns could be mitigated. • <i>Shelter on North Parade – Research taking place on an extension to the information boards project to include some for the North Parade Shelter.</i> • <i>Tiles to go back on electricity green – tiles have been cleaned – dry weather required to place them on the back board.</i> • <i>Boardwalk – no meeting has yet been held with Kessingland PC about joint discussions with ESC.</i> • <i>Water fountain funding – email received from ESC about water fountain schemes. Cllr Jordan to look into this initiative.</i> • <i>Fingerpost – delivery and installation awaited.</i> • <i>ESC community bulb (narcissi) planting scheme – Narcissi have been applied for.</i> • <i>Community payback projects – discussion to take place with community payback about potential projects they could assist with.</i> • <i>Horse and Carriage rides – approach has been made to STC by a provider of horse an carriage rides about restarting the rides in Southwold. Further details to be obtained.</i> • <i>Blue Plaque Scheme – apologies from MRR that briefing paper had not been circulated. This to follow.</i>
9	Date of next meeting	9 th March 2023 at 11am – to concentrate on Coronation arrangements