

LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT Cttee minutes – from meeting held on Wednesday 6th July 2023 at 10.30am

REP L and E 2/2023

Item	Subject	Details
	To elect a Chair of the Cttee for 2023.2024	Cllr Goldsmith introduced all Councillors. On the proposal of Cllr Palmer, seconded by Cllr Sutton it was agreed by all to elect Cllr Goldsmith as Chair for 2023/2024.
1	Present	Cllrs Goldsmith, Palmer, Redington, Sutton and Wells. Also present 1 member of the public and the Town Clerk.
2	Apologies and Declarations of Interest	There were no apologies for absence. There were no declarations of interest.
3	Minutes of the previous meeting	<i>To note the minutes of the previous meeting - Feb 2023. All agreed.</i>
4	Skatepark group	<i>Skatepark Community Group – update on new skatepark project. Cllr Goldsmith advised that Simon Walker – ESC attended with the Skate Group. Tenders reviewed and will come forward to STC at month end.</i>
5	Standing Orders- public section.	A member of the public advised that Ferry Road Garden is coming along fine and is stimulating interest from everyone. Volunteers can help weed/maintain. Need to be more professional about how it is tendered. Can mulch – this will cost. The member of the public explained that mulching is obtained for part of the Waters Copse project. Material is very good as a mulch. Costs - £120/w to go and get it. Can sell some to STC for the garden as a weed suppressant. Need to also self-compost and need compost pots etc. Volunteers have created a path round the outside of the garden.
6	Environmental matters – timelines and completion dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ferry Road Garden – including ongoing request for volunteers, water bowser, accessibility, and request for information board.</i> <p>Cllr Goldsmith – Millennium Foundation has had tree felled and can use this as mulch. Free to take. Just need to collect for garden. Cllr Wells has a trailer and Cllr Palmer has a van with a tow bar. Cllr Wells also has mulch which could be used. Cllr Goldsmith – has been on Facebook advertising that need help watering and weeding and are looking for volunteers / Water Butts etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guttering around Town Hall Workshop can be used for the watering. Cllr Wells has guttering that can be used. Cllr Goldsmith will talk to Cooper & Denny re guttering etc. • Signboard – to annotate for the sponsors and for the history of the site. Information Board –J MN environmental will produce a board detailing the history of the area and also asking for volunteers. • Trees/ Plants – are ok now landscaper has moved the dead ones. Quote for more plants £2427.00. Discussion re the costs of these. £15k = cost to date of establishing this area of which £5k = grants and £10k = total cost to STC. Discussion re what is sustainable aim of the garden. Is it perennials to fill the site? How to make the garden sustainable in cost? Cllr Goldsmith – advised that this is to be a sensory English garden open to all. Discussion as to how to take the cost sustainable going forward. Action – to get a list of flowers needed and to then go out for donations. Anyone donating could have a donation plaque on the concrete edging.

		<p>Accessibility – re concrete to level front. Quote will be obtained.</p> <p>Water – STC have asked re outside tap on Ferry Road toilets – ESC progressing. Bowser to be brought to the garden to be filled by the guttering on the Workshop. Member of the public offered to sort this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Grant for connection of Jubilee Bridge to Ferry Rd Garden</i> The ideal would be for an accessible path from the Jubilee Bridge to Ferry Road Garden. Land Registry – Town Clerk to look up. • <i>Marshes: including ditch, sluice and culvert works.</i> Ex Cllr Rowan-Robinson has done a walk today of the marshes / ditches. Blackshore Sluice – open and flowing freely. Concern re Town Marsh – need clearance. Tenant to be asked if this is on their 5 year forward plan. Pier and Denes – no major sewage discharge for 2022/23 which is very good (App = Safer Seas & Rivers). • <i>Footpaths - Public footpath is overgrown part by new 7th/8th tee to the marsh harrier.</i> <p>Action – get cut as soon as possible.</p>
7	Leisure and Other matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tibbys Green play area</i> – Now been cut. • <i>Tiles going back on wall at electricity green</i> – by the next week. • <i>Shelter on North Parade project - £5k grant for solar panels/notices.</i> Action – Town Clerk to liase and progress. • <i>Blue Plaque Scheme – see attached</i> – Discussion held re the possibility of doing something. Due to the resourcing and research that this would take, and the lack of volunteers coming forward for this project it was agreed to hold this in abeyance. • <i>Market licences - Cllr Goldsmith/Town Clerk and Secretary are reviewing the present licences and considering the sort of licences i.e., permanent and seasonal.</i> • <i>Town Council stall</i> – starts Monday. • <i>Beach wheelchair/ accessible boardwalk</i> – ESC has some funding for Southwold and Kessingland. Project will be collaborative working with ESC and Kessingland P C. • <i>Litter/ Seagulls - Pizza/fish & chip shops to be asked to put ‘do not feed the seagulls’/‘keep Southwold tidy’ on their boxes.</i> Cllr Sutton and Cllr Wells to ask the food outlets if they would take notices/stickers. Railings by the Nelson and East Cliff (ESC) – signs ‘No feeding seagulls and dispose of food waste responsibly’. • <i>Fingerpost - on order</i> • <i>Electricity Green</i> – belongs to Town Council. Wishes to be used by Christmas Lights Committee for snow globe. The crown will need to come down soon as it is tatty. Bunting/flagpoles will be coming down on 10th September 2023. • <i>Council pictures – Andrew Matthews picture. How to archive other pictures/ preserve?</i> Cllr Goldsmith to ask Graham Denny. • <i>Pier Rd/ Mights Rd garden area - request received for Old Hospital to have some signage in this area.</i> Felt that it would be out of place on this land. Offer also received for volunteers from Old Hospital to help maintain the area and after discussion it was suggested that the volunteers could be asked to assist on other projects. • <i>Horse and carriage rides</i> – Concern raised about traffic implications. Delays to be constrained as much as possible. • <i>Community Payback projects</i> – doing Mights Bridge and using the Millennium Hall for facilities. Suggest seafront railings. • <i>Memorial Benches - SOLD charity to be contacted about assisting with</i>

		<p>maintenance of the benches.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Events 2023/ 2024</i> Events 2024 – D Day 6th June 2024. • Refuse bin storage - Cllr Wells asked about possibility of a project to disguise some of the household bins by suggesting storage solutions. Discussion around the number of bins that public might be asked to have in future – and whether 1 wheelie bin could be serving 2 purposes. How many bins will we get? Ask ESC.
8	Date of next meeting	Thursday 17 th August 2023 at 9am at the Town Hall.

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