

L and E cttee – notes/ recommendations from meeting 25th September 2025

- 1) Greens in Southwold – especially those along North Parade and by Marlborough Road. Discussion about volunteers being able to look after the greens, to improve their appearance. The clerk advised that a meeting had been held with ESC Cllrs/ legal officer re the possibility asset transfers to the town council (instead of assets going to the new unitary). This discussion had included the greens, especially those along North Parade/ Marlborough Road and the desire to improve the appearance of these areas by planting shrubs and flowers etc,
L and E also discussed the possibility of improving the look of the cliff, i.e. from the railings to the prom. These are also ESC owned and maintained at present.

It was suggested that a meeting be held between L and E, and ESC/ ESS, to find out what budget they had available for maintance on these areas, the sort of maintenance/ planting that would be possible, the stability of the cliff area, costs/ budgets etc and who might be able to fund any improvements. Once this meeting has taken place it is then suggested that there might be the potential to set up a working group, to include other stakeholders/ interested parties such as BHOA, cafe owners along the prom, to progress issues.

It is therefore recommended that in the first instance, a meeting be arranged between L and E and ESC/ESS to follow up on the meeting which had already been held re asset transfers.

- 2) Town Sign
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- 3) Spruce up Southwold - doodle poll will be sent wound with new dates.
- 4) Community self-help scheme – equipment list (which can be used on Spruce up Southwold dates as well as any other times) to be drawn up which can be sent to SCC for approval for reimbursement. Can include sign cleaning equip, lawn mower, battery driven tools, barriers, etc.
- 5) Footpath maps – There are many Southwold routes now on Go Jauntly. Cost of putting these into a waterproof/ foldable booklet to be assessed.
- 6) TIC merchandise / marketing – promotional postcards / pens with the Visit Southwold website/ QR code - costs to be assessed.
- 7) Councillor surgery dates – next one will be 9th October 2025

- 8) CCTV – following the spate of anti-social behaviour/ thefts etc, police have asked to meet with STC to advise on areas where they believe that CCTV would be useful.
Meeting to be arranged.
- 9) Budget 2026 – 2027 – to be discussed at the next meeting.
- 10) Tour of Britain events grant - £1k received – this is being used to purchase cycle maintenance equipment which will be housed in the town cycle area.
- 11) Grants – various grants available to increase footfall – Guidelines/ terms/ desired outcomes to be assessed and discussed further at the next meeting.
- 12) Events held – V J Day Anniversary/ Tour of Britain/ Food Festival Market – all well received.
- 13) Events coming up in 2025 – Remembrance Sunday, Adnams 10k run, Lights switch on, Late night shopping event.

Summary of recommendations

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