

Minutes of the Leisure and Environment Committee held on;

REP 5/2019.

DATE & TIME	Monday 17 th December 2019 - 4PM
PLACE	TOWN HALL

AGENDA

Item	Subject	Details	Notes/ Actions
1	Those present	Cllrs; Beavan, Bradbury, Jeans, Rowan Robinson	Cllrs; Beavan, Bradbury, Jeans, Rowan Robinson No members of the public - potential member Cllr S Tobin was present.
2	Apologies and Declarations of Interest	There were no apologies for absence	There were apologies for absence from Cllrs Goldsmith and Ladd.
3	Minutes of previous meeting	To note the minutes of the previous meeting	Noted – as at previous Town Council meeting.
4	Standing Orders-public section.		There were no members of the public present.
5	Environmental matters – timelines and completion dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marshes/ Common report – <i>update/ timeline</i> Marshes drainage works commissioned – <i>timeframe</i> 	<p>Report prepared by Suffolk Wildlife Trust – and presented to meeting by Cllr Rowan Robinson. Action Plan is on page 16 of the report.</p> <p>Bullet points 1 -5 relate to marshes works.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that there should be extra boards – suggested that purchase 2 new boards to put in sluice by the bird area – area to be measured and boards ordered and installed. Action for MRR – to assess sizing, meet with Natural England and the tenant farmer and Harbour Marine for the boards. It was suggested that a bird hide could be created – in a well-hidden area so that it was not constantly disturbed – Action MRR to assess location and size. Erosion of banks – Cllr Jeans asked that this be considered. Action MRR. Creation of new scrapes (see map 4) – this needs further consideration. Action - Need to consider the potential impact on existing tenant farmer and cost to council re loss of rent/ co-existence Paths / gates – bullet point 4 – need to discuss with SCC re footpaths as this is one of their paths/ areas. It was suggested that the scrapes be decoupled from the paths – i.e. the materials from the scrapes may not be appropriate for paths. Action – CS send copy of report to SCC. Town marshes – bullet point 3 – the works on the marsh dykes are on a 5-yearly plan – need to discuss with farmer. Action – Discuss works with Durrants. NE/ EA/ IDB/ and tenant. Bullet point 2 – this is the area of the potential scrape. <p>Priorities Boards Bailey Bridge area Meet with stakeholders Dykes closest to the Common.</p> <p>Drainage works – Mr Collyer should be commencing work on the ditches/ dykes – start date to be in New Year.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public open spaces consultation – <i>update</i> Ferry Road garden – stakeholder group to meet – <i>Cllr Goldsmith</i> Bathing Water results 	<p>Drop-in day very successful. Responses continue to be received. Meeting held with PCC re the churchyard – this work will be cost neutral within the site so will not provide any financial capacity for the remainder of the project. Action – LJB Meeting with Norse re the ESC pilot is to be established. Action – DB - Hospital Green may be the only area suitable for rewilding – further consultation with residents will be required.</p> <p>Discussion re way forward. Action - Cllr Goldsmith to take forward. The issue of munch jacks and rabbits were discussed and how to preserve the garden – suggestions included rose hedging and a gate at the front area. Action – Cllr Goldsmith - Discussions to continue with stakeholders including residents. Norse/ ESC to be asked to divest the garden to STC. ACTION – CS Norse to be asked to clear area of weeds etc so that remaining area can be assessed.</p> <p>Meeting held with ESC, AW, EA. Cllrs Rowan Robinson and Beavan attended. Samples will be doubled for next summer. Tests for DNA will be for animal/ human e coli. Those that had attended the stakeholder meeting had been advised of a potential participatory action plan whereby notices be placed around the beach area – those present had suggested that this would not be appropriate for Southwold and the members of L and E cttee agreed.</p>
6	Amenities/ Town Improvements – Timelines and completion dates to be established for each project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bus shelter Council Information Boards 	<p>Thanks were extended to all of those who have worked on this.</p> <p>Action – CS – Norse - remove the one on York Road. Retain the one on Hospital Green for potential rewilding information.</p>
7	Other projects	<i>Other priorities for 2019/20 to include;</i>	<p>Presentation of Beach and Prom – Priority D) 2019-22 - walk round to be arranged with stakeholders – Action – CS arrange for Spring 2020</p> <p>Climate Emergency implications – Priority D) 2019 -22 – Action - Task and Finish grp to advise STC in Jan 2020.</p>
8	Parish Community Events	Events	<p>Christmas Carol Service – 22nd December 2019 including pre drinks reception at Cardinal Newman Hall.</p> <p>VE Day – Friday 8th May 2020 – now a Bank Holiday – suggestions for a 1940’s party on Gun Hill.</p> <p>Cruise Ship – 11th July 2020 and Sept 2020</p> <p>Consider other community events as per Priority C) 2019-2022</p>
9	Play areas and Open space improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ‘Ping’ projects Outdoor table tennis tables – Tibbys Green 	<p>Application has been submitted for an outside table tennis table on Tibbys Green as part of the SCC project. Site visit has taken place by SCC and update awaited. Cllr Ladd advised that he has a table that he would also donate.</p> <p>Additional seats were requested for Tibbys Green Action CS – this site to be offered when memorial benches requests are received.</p>
10	Other matters to consider/ To progress		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency Plan – separate group now established. Blue Plaque Scheme meeting – <i>Cllr Rowan Robinson</i> Southwold Guide Map – to agree cost to reprint

11	Date of next meeting	17 th January 2020	
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