

**Minutes of the meeting of the Leisure and Environment Committee held via Zoom on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 6pm for the purpose of transacting the following business.**

**AGENDA**

Item	Subject	Details
1	<b>Present</b>	Cllrs Beavan, Goldsmith, Jordan and Ladd. Also present the Town Mayor, Town Clerk, and 4 members of the public.
2	<b>Apologies and Declarations of Interest</b>	Apologies were received from Cllrs Jordan and Rowan-Robinson. There were no declarations of interest.
3	<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b>	Minutes had been noted at the previous council meeting. Pipes under road – Duncans do not have a pump to clear the pies but Cllr Rowan Robinson has spoken to another company to meet and get a quote.
	<b>Standing Orders- public section.</b>	<p>A resident has started the Alexander removal around the Klondyke. Reported that there is more dog mess everywhere and noticed dog bin has been removed and not replaced. Action – 2 bins arrived at Town Hall today and one will be installed there.</p> <p>No dogs on beach from 1<sup>st</sup> April – but still many there. Signs need to be updated (Action – ESC).</p> <p>Cllr Ladd – more dogs on beach than usual. Signs do need to be replaced. Action - Need dog warden from ESC to be prominent.</p> <p>Cllr Beavan – advised that on Hospital Green – sprayed pooh with white spray and this has stopped now.</p> <p>Cllr Goldsmith – are notices still on the prom railings? Yes. Action – white paint needs redoing on the prom (to remind Norse).</p> <p>A resident advised that the Pier car park signs need looking at. Buss Creek footpath – dog mess bad. Alexander – bad.</p> <p>A resident asked whether anyone has got an update on the Bailey Bridge? Cllr Bradbury – no update on the Bailey Bridge.</p> <p>A resident asked for an update on Ferry Road garden – see details below.</p> <p>Cllr Windell advised that the Alexander is getting worse each year – now goes further than Wangford. Needs to be dug out and would need physical help – would like groups including the Southwold &amp; Reydon Society to get involved and dig it up before it flowers or cut the heads/or it doesn't flower. Action – put in on newsletter.</p>
5	<b>Environmental matters – timelines and completion dates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ferry Road garden — update by Cllr Goldsmith.</li> <li>• Action - Town clerk to forward plans to Committee members.</li> <li>• Winding path – resin bound gravel of 1.2m wide to be wheelchair friendly and the garden will be sensory. Views will be opened up. Indigenous plants will be used.</li> </ul>

		<p>Would like a talking bench with the history of Salt Creek marsh available.</p> <p>Cllr Goldsmith advised that there is another sponsor. Cllr Goldsmith will go and see them plus all the neighbours. Cllr Goldsmith advised that when the discussion is about planting the cost will be ascertained. Cllr Goldsmith advised that the neighbours are all fine about it. Thanks were extended to Cllr Goldsmith.</p> <p>Cllr Ladd - re Salt Works/Salt marsh – could we call it “Salt Creek Gardens” - with an information board about its history.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rewilding – update – – ESC is cutting grass in cemetery, but northern part has been left. Cllr Beavan advised that that part is now an agreement between the church and ESC.</li> <li>• Rewilding - Hospital Green – first conservation cut has been done. Cllr Goldsmith suggested that the Sole Bay magazine could do an update alongside the Church PCC etc. The Town clerk advised that Norse explanatory notices should be going up. Robert Beever has seeded the triangle by Nursemaids Park and notices will go on there to advise.</li> <li>• Woodland Trust Trees/ Tree for Hospital Green / Tree planting – update. Tree Hospital Green – oak sapling to go on and await Woodland Trust trees. Cllr Windell advised that a replacement birch tree has been planted on Nursemaids Park.</li> <li>• Cllr Windell – tree at front of town garden – Robert Beever is supplying.</li> <li>• Cllr Windell – trees – some 50 have been planted on the Common – so many now need to have bowser for watering. Action – get costs.</li> <li>• Cllr Beavan – 420 saplings are coming in a few weeks’ time – some will go in the Common and by Graham Murray. Cllr Windell – saplings should go in a nursery place first to grown on (as per Suffolk Woodland Trust advice).</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Goldsmith asked if some could go on Pier Avenue. Cllr Bradbury advised that this would not be possible due to SCC legislation. Cllr Ladd – SCC have to do a road survey to ensure roots don’t go into drains. Cost = £2,500 for a survey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AONB Sustainable Development Fund – Deadline 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021</li> <li>• Dogs on lead signs/ Boards for Buss Creek footpath – update. Cllr Rowan-Robinson and Mr Hancock = ongoing work. Mr Hancock suggested that the signs need to be succinct and visible with simple wording.</li> </ul> <p>Mr Hancock asked whether a PSPO could be implemented? Cllr Ladd advised that this takes approximately 18 months to do and for the beach PSPO the local dog organisation was previously involved in the consultation. Cllr Ladd asked whether ESC Cllr Beavan could take this up? Cllr Beavan queried how such a PSPO would be enforced – and advised that he would prefer to work with the dog owners.</p> <p>Mr Hancock suggested going for simple signs and working with dog owners. 1<sup>st</sup> March – 30<sup>th</sup> September = nesting times. Birds are all on marsh at the moment, but as marsh drains out some of the nests will go. People need to be aware of the issues. Mr Hancock to work with Cllr Rowan-Robinson re the signs.</p> <p>Cllr Ladd suggested that perhaps we should look at a marsh/dog warden role.</p> <p>ACTION - Cllr Bradbury – possibility of a warden can be looked at by the Finance Committee. Cllr Beavan – would support a general dog warden rather than go for a PSPO. Cllr Ladd – advisory was given first by wardens and then fines. Cllr Windell – environmental warden could be good way forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anti – littering campaign – suggestions. Cllr Windell – need another Town/Common clean up as the town is likely to be busy this year. Use all civic</li> </ul>
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6	<b>Leisure and Other matters</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tiles on wall at back of Electricity Green – Tiles have been returned to Town Hall. ACTION – tiles to be counted and any new ones required will be made and then the tiles will be placed back onto the wall.</li> <li>• Skatepark improvements – Thanks extended to Mr Hurr for the works on the skatepark. Final works are taking place and once the play area inspector has given the go ahead this will be reopened.</li> <li>• Defib in Phone kiosk by Pier - Mr Tobin is progressing this project. The delay seems to be due to the need to have the electricity reconnected. Defib is being provided and all should be complete within 2 months. Action – add defibs onto maps.</li> <li>• Charter Fair – Charter Day arrangements are still proposed for the Thursday although the fair will already be open.</li> <li>• Civic Sunday arrangements 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 – propose change to later in year in September 2021. Proposed by Cllr Ladd, seconded by Cllr Windell – all agreed. Action to contact church to see when will be a convenient date in September.</li> </ul>
7	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	<p>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021 6pm start. Venue to be arranged.</p> <p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 7pm.</p>

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