

LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT - a working group meeting was held on Tuesday 15th March 2022 at 2 pm via Zoom

Item	Subject	Notes
1	Present	<p>Cllrs Bradbury, Goldsmith and Jordan</p> <p>2 members of the public via Zoom and the Town Clerk</p> <p>Due to a lack of quorum, it was agreed that this would be a working group meeting to catch up on projects that are already taking place.</p>
2	Apologies and Declarations of Interest	<p>Apologies had been received from Cllrs Beavan, Rowan – Robinson and Sutton.</p>
3	Minutes of the previous meeting	<p>To note the minutes of the previous meeting - these have been to full council</p>
	Standing Orders- public section.	<p>2 members of the public attended by zoom and had submitted questions in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>Questions relating to Ferry Road Garden.</p> <p>a) Original design had been made for the Hampton Court show in 2021 and would be a sensory garden – is this still the design and has it been accepted into the Chelsea Flower Show?</p> <p>b) In Jan 2021 it was stated that the design would go onto the council website – will this be happening?</p> <p>c) Funding – is it anticipated that further funding will be required?</p> <p>d) Do we have an expected completion date before the Jubilee celebrations?</p> <p>Cllr Goldsmith is leading on this project and advised as follows.</p> <p>a) No</p> <p>b) To be arranged</p> <p>c) Hopefully there will be no more unexpected costs</p> <p>d) No – No labour charges are being made so this is being fitted in around paid work. A Jubilee Oak will also be planted in this area.</p> <p>Question relating to marshes management</p> <p>a) What plans are being made to deal with the increased growth of the reeds at the Boating Lake</p> <p>b) What plans are being made for the removal of the Alexander specifically along the verges of North Road and the path onto Town Marshes and the path from Mights Bridge to the Boating Lake?</p> <p>c) There has been an increase in the amount of dog mess on the paths of the Town Marsh and elsewhere around the town. Are there plans to increase the</p>

		<p>number of dog mess bins?</p> <p>Responses to the above.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The management of the reeds at the Boating Lake forms the major part of the funding application to the National Lottery. Discussions are taking place with the project adviser– and the tenant, about when to submit the funding bid and the sum to be applied for. b) ESC to be reminded about the prom/ cliffs and asked when they will be carrying out the clearance of the Alexander here. Discussion about whether spraying might be required in some places due to the proficiency of Alexander. Residents of North Road have been carrying out some work on the Alexander over recent years, but this has not stopped the regrowth. c) Cllr Goldsmith advised that there is a piece about dog mess on Facebook. Bins do not seem to help at all – it was considered that those who wanted to put their dog mess in a bin would be happy to wait until they find one. Dog mess can be placed in any bin and this messaging is to be highlighted. <p>A member of the public advised that a sign on the prom has been removed – Norse to be notified and asked to consider the number of bins within the pier car park – are there sufficient?</p> <p>A member of the public suggested putting the intended design of Ferry Rd Garden onto Facebook and suggested that STC could use social media to publicise more about what it is doing. It was suggested that the Comms group meet to discuss the comms/ media strategy.</p>
	<p>Environmental matters – timelines and completion dates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ferry Road garden — update PG – see above. PG advised that she keeps in touch with the landscapers regularly and will advise as/ when there is more information. • Horse Chestnut saplings – Ask MN to hold onto these until September. • Climate projects – Various tree planting projects are ongoing. This includes the planting of the 2 Jubilee Oakes – one of which will go in Ferry Rd Garden and one in Hospital Green. There is also a project with AONB to plant hedging along the edge of Blyth Road. Waters Corpse’s work has continued with volunteers and Common Trust members. The car charger at Church Green has been upgraded and should work more effectively now. Consideration is to be given to more being made available elsewhere in the town. • Marshes management – MRR - no update on the management of ditches/ dykes. SWT are to consider the overall future mgt, with STC researching the funding options. • Flower bed Marlborough Road - Discussion re the email from SRS asking STC to purchase and maintain plants in the area by North Parade/ Marlborough Rd. Query was raised as to why STC would wish to take on this area which is owned and managed by Norse/ ESC who have a parks dept and have the resources to maintain as in previous years. Discussion about the level of planting that Norse do in this area – query to be raised with Norse to ask what/ when they would

		<p>plant in this area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planters – any more required? Discussion about new locations and who would be prepared to maintain and water the planters. Present planters are maintained by members of the public and the Town Council. It was suggested that there might be room by the URC if they would be prepared to take on the watering and maintenance. URC to be asked. Hemlock treatment - next visit will be May/ June Oak trees for Jubilee - as above.
6	Leisure and Other matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Skatepark improvements – update</i> - Community group has received £10k pledge from the ESC Community Partnership. The Community Group wishes to work alongside the L and E cttee to deliver this project rather than establishing themselves as an official group with their bank account/constitution etc. ESC is assisting the community group to hold an information event on Klondyke on 23rd April to enable them to gather people’s views on what sort of equipment people would like to have incorporated into any new facility. <i>Commonwealth Day</i> – given the scaffolding surrounding the Town Hall this event was held yesterday at Gun Hill. School children attended. It was agreed that this was a lovely location to hold it and that it should be considered again for 2023. The comment was made that the public did not know about the flag-raising. The public were advised that this takes place with the school children every year but as it usually happens outside the front of the Town Hall, no publicity is usually carried out due to the confined space available. Queens Platinum Jubilee – June 2022 – volunteers for weekend activities required. Nominee to liase with the school. Discussion about the intended Big Lunch event on 5th June – and who would be able to assist with the organisation of this event. Council members to be asked. At present, it is intended that this event be held on Hospital Green with the Arts Centre as a backup in case of rain. However, the way the Arts Centre seating is set out will not enable tables to be laid out – and it was suggested that the Hospital be asked if they would be open by this date. Otherwise, consider Millennium Hall/ Sports Pavillion. Comms to be sent out to engage residents and to assess the interest in such an event. Music/ Hog roast/catering etc all to be considered if there is sufficient interest in holding an event and sufficient volunteers to enable it to be organised. <p>The window competition is to be added to the list of activities.</p> <p>Bunting across High Street – new fixings are needed for all of the buildings – this need to be pursued and costs ascertained, and any licences gained.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charter Fayre/ Civic Sunday - A Civic Parade will take place as part of the Songs of Praise service for the church on 29th May – the Leiston Band will be part of the parade and might be asked to play in church. <p>Charter Fayre are arriving Tues 24th May and could open at 5 pm on Friday 27th May – this would then be the day/ time for the formal opening of the Fayre. Councillors to be advised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates on other matters previously agreed – Tiles on Electricity Green. The

		<p>tiles will need cleaning and rubbing down and the wall prepared to enable them to go back on. Cost to be obtained on this basis and time scale for this to happen. Any missing tiles to be ordered from Thea Gallery – to potentially include some re Queens Jubilee.</p>
7	Date of next meeting	TBC

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