

**Minutes of the meeting of the Leisure and Environment Committee
held via Zoom on Friday 5th March 2021 at 2pm for the purpose of
transacting the following business.**

AGENDA

Item	Subject	Details
1	Present	Cllrs Beavan, Jordan, Ladd and Rowan-Robinson. Also present the Town Mayor, Town Clerk, Admin Assistant and 3 members of the public.
2	Apologies and Declarations of Interest	Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Goldsmith and Windell.
3	Minutes of previous meeting	To note the minutes of the previous meeting
	Standing Orders- public section.	<p>A resident asked re Ferry Road garden – when will design be made? What plants? When is work scheduled?</p> <p>Waters Copse – a resident asked whether bluebell bulbs could be planted here – use some of the L&E budget for this? Cllr Rowan-Robinson – Waters Copse is the Common. Could the resident ask the Chairman of the Common Trust?</p> <p>A resident asked what are the proposals for the where the trees are going? Cllr Beavan advised that in liaison with Suffolk Wildlife Trust looking at part planting on the Common. Trees have been sketched on a map which Cllr Beavan will send to the resident. Pack requested from Woodland Trust is the wildlife pack – 420 coming – including oak saplings and silver birch saplings. Members were advised that these are twigs – not saplings and will need protection with guards.</p>
4	Covid 19 – impacts update	Play areas – still open. Klondyke – skatepark - being resurfaced by volunteers.
5	Environmental matters – timelines and completion dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ferry Road garden — designs etc awaited. • Rewilding – perennials planted on Hospital Green. Not to grow annuals. Rewilding – it was commented that Ladies Walk has looked good in past. North Parade and Ladies Walk – Cllr Beavan will trial patches for sewing poppies – March/April. Comment was made that can't do the slopes as Norse would need harnesses etc. Cllr Ladd advised that between Ladies Walk and shelter – wildflowers/poppies would be great. Cllr Beavan suggested could get a wildflower mix there in the autumn - • Woodland Trust Trees/Tree for Hospital Green/Tree planting – discussed above. 1 new tree needed for Hospital Green for which there will be a need to water. • AONB Sustainable Development Fund/Natural England Investment Readiness Fund - eligible projects? Natural England Investment Readiness Fund expiry 26th March 2021. Cllr Rowan-Robinson and the Town Clerk to look at the application form. • Dogs on lead signs/Boards for Buss Creek footpath. Any other action required re Integrated Common/marshes mgt plan - this is an area to the west of the old railway line. Area for path across marshes – still under water so need to consider this going forward. Information signs for dogs on lead etc. for Buss Creek footpath – Bill Hancock to be asked to help. Bill Hancock and Cllr Rowan-Robinson to work on these signs. <p>Cllr Rowan-Robinson – re water on Town marshes – these are now draining away. Pipe under road – working fine. Water Lakes are shrinking – drainage is</p>

		<p>working.</p> <p>Cllr Rowan-Robinson – could look at sorting the pipe by the Golf Club and by the Harbour Inn. Could look at getting estimates for these. Cllr Jordan – can we get estimate to unblock the existing pipes. Cllr Rowan-Robinson – brick tunnel so difficult to build these back if they are not too stable. Cllr Rowan-Robinson – Duncans did last one which has worked ok. Yes – look to clear/jet through first.</p> <p>Bill Hancock advised that the Blackshore sluice drainage is part of the Golf Club/road water system problem – if clear the culvert it may not sort the problem.</p> <p>Cllr Ladd left the meeting at 2.30pm.</p> <p>Cllr Rowan-Robinson – has been monitoring water levels. Dykes have been reducing in water except around the Town marshes. Cllr Rowan-Robinson feels that the sluice is working but maybe too slowly for today’s water levels. Cllr Beavan asked re sluices – discussion with Cllr Rowan-Robinson over how these works. Cllr Rowan-Robinson – water on marsh is always higher than spring low tides. Could raise the sluice slightly so that it empties more often. For the moment – all agreed to clear the brick pipe. Duncans to quote.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beach Quality – Cllr Rowan-Robinson has been checking through Covid. There was no e-coli spike in August 2020 last year which is very good. Could be able to get blue flag back. <p>Cllr Beavan – Sole Bay Fish have done some sewage works at the harbour end so this should help. Cllr Beavan has also asked ESC to look at pump etc. Environment Agency are being proactive on this now. Cllr Beavan advised that we might not get the blue flag for the denes area due to closeness of mud flats at the harbour. Cllr Bradbury – Sole Bay Fish Company works won’t decrease spiking immediately as has only just taken effect, but they deserve credit for this work.</p>
6	Leisure and Other matters	<p><i>Tiles on wall at back of Electricity Green</i> – replace direct on wall – Quote for £395 for cement board and to replace tiles. Agreed by all.</p> <p><i>Skatepark improvements</i> – liaise with stakeholders and obtain funding – Carl Hurr has been working on the skatepark. Re large project – new skatepark will be £70k. Cllr Beavan – need to get behind this and push forward. Cllr Rowan-Robinson might push age range higher. Halesworth and Woodbridge have very good skateparks. Town Clerk to contact them. Cllr Beavan and Carl Hurr to put lottery funding grant application in.</p> <p><i>Defib in Phone kiosk by Pier</i> – East of England Co-op will donate one. Electrical quotes are being obtained.</p> <p><i>Horse and carriage rides 2021</i> – not to be picked up in Market Place. Try to persuade them to go to Gardner Road/Godyll Road.</p> <p><i>Charter Fair</i> – Sunday – Sunday in May/June 2021. Agreed by all.</p> <p>Cllr Beavan advised that the application for the Glamping site has been withdrawn.</p> <p><i>Ladies Walk</i> – budget might be needed for rotovating.</p> <p><i>Gallopers</i> – would like to come longer again this year – agreed.</p>
7	Date of next meeting	Thursday 8 th April 2021 at 6pm.