

**LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT Cttee notes – from meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 9.00am**

**REP L and E 3/2024**

Item	Subject	Details	
1	<b>Present</b>	<p>Cllrs Flunder (SF), Goldsmith (PG) Miller (JM), Palmer (MP), Redington (VR) and Wells (MW).</p> <p>Also present the Town Clerk. One member of the public.</p>	
2	<b>Apologies and Declarations of Interest</b>	<p>There were no apologies for absence. There were no Declarations of Interest.</p>	
3	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting</b>	<p><i>To note the minutes of the previous meeting - notes from March 2024.</i> All agreed.</p>	
5	<b>Standing Orders-public section.</b>	<p>The member of the public spoke about controlling foxes on the marshes. Suggested using Raveningham Estate as a good example of how to control predators. Offered to arrange a visit to Raveningham, for any members who would like to visit. Member of public left at 9.15am.</p>	
6	<b>Environmental matters – timelines and completion dates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ferry Road Garden and the area to the side and behind it – including ongoing request for volunteers, water bowser, accessibility, additional plants, request for information board.</i></li> <li>• PG advised that the information board is nearly ready to be installed with the relevant logos acknowledging those who have helped with the project. A person who is coming to Southwold on holiday is going to help weed when they are here.</li> <li>• PG advised that the bank at the rear of Ferry Road needs clearing again – MW and VR have bags which can be used which they will leave at Town hall.</li> <li>• Water Butt under the gutter will be fixed – MW to arrange.</li> <li>• Water Bowser/ another Water Butt required- MW will try to arrange for more rain water to be collected from workshop roof. It was agreed by all that in principle a spend of £100 could be allocated to the rainwater project.</li> <li>• AONB Funding – grant has been received to do more on the Ferry Rd/ Jubilee Bridge projects – JM Environmental project managing this for council. Some of the grant will be used to assist with volunteers on the project as volunteer time is needed within the project terms.</li> </ul> <p>Bulbs – Esc initiative – application has been submitted for some of eth bulbs which ESC have for community groups to plant within parishes.</p>	<p>MW/VR MW MW</p>
7	<b>Leisure and Other matters</b>	<p><i>Skatepark – Klondyke – Rosap sign off awaited on skatepark. If it is signed off this week then it is likely that the skatepark will be open next week – with a formal grand openings et to be arranged for August as the skatepark community group would like bands, music etc at the ‘event.’ Meeting to be arranged to discuss the ‘event’.</i> Discussion about most appropriate day/ time – this to be finalised with the community group. Suggested that this could be 14/15 Aug or 7/8 Aug. Wheelscape would be invited along.</p>	

*Shelter on North Parade project update.* This is being progressed by the Geography Academy and James Mellish. Shelter has been painted in advance of the boards being erected.

*Community Payback / community self-help scheme projects* – seafront railings project has started – council has purchased the first supply of paint and materials, and these have been given to the payback team.

*Fingerpost for Field Stile Road.* Fingerpost is held at Town Hall – formal licence from ESC will cost £50 pa. One of the fingers is being replaced – but it was agreed by all that the finger post should be erected asap and that the finger which is still on order be added at a later date.

*Public Wi Fi extension* – Grant funding for the Wi fi extension to Gun Hill still held by STC. Stress tests are presently being undertaken by ESC - after which the project will be progressed by ESC / Proximity Futures to erect on Casino. LB

*Stocks from Bartholomew Green* – The old stocks were deemed a hazard and have been removed and being held with C and D who have assessed them and advise that new ones will need to be made as these are irreparable. Quote £2865.70 from C and D. SCC Cllr Ladd has offered to fund £1k from his Locality Budget for 2024.2025. It has been agreed by council to proceed with C and D - STC have agreed that the L and E budget will be used to cover the shortfall.

*Play area repairs* – over the past 12 months the basket swing play equip has been removed from Tibbys play area and is waiting for a new one to be installed by ESC. The tunnels steps have had repair. Cost £2493.17 agreed as an emergency repair. Equipment on this play area to be considered for upgrade/ replacement – it was felt that some pieces are over 20 years old.

*Town Sign repairs* – The Town Sign has been removed from Electricity Green due to the post and sign having rot which needs repair. Posts are on order and will be installed in due course. Quote received for the restoration of the Sign and making good - £750 including materials. Other quotes to be obtained. Menta have links with Hosley Bay.

*Benches St Edmunds Green* – Although St Edmunds Green is owned by ESC, ESC advises that some of the benches belong to STC. ESC advise that these should be on a concrete plinth on H and S grounds these days. As some also need refurbishment it was suggested that J Hammet be asked to take a look initially.

*Electricity Green* - Presently it is difficult for the public to get to the bench and Tardis due to the amount of garden waste in the site. This to be removed. Offer of a storage shed to be made. PG will discuss with the volunteers who help to tend the garden area.

*Cllr Miller and Cllr Redington left at 9.55am.*

#### Civic events

*Civic Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024* – Leiston Town Band will attend. This will be a joint ecumenical service with the Arts Festival. Arrangements are ongoing with Rev Gant.

		<p><i>For consideration</i></p> <p><i>Sculpture project</i> – no budget has been provided for any further sculptures. It was suggested that the person enquiring could make contact with those organising ‘art on the Railings ‘for 2025 to see if they could display during the week that this is on.</p> <p><i>Little Library</i> – Harbour Kiosk has something similar already and there is the library. It was felt at this stage that no further boxes are needed.</p> <p><i>Dogs on Beach</i> – ESC has advised that they might be undertaking some form of consultation re the period for which dogs are permitted on the beach. No action at present.</p> <p><i>Other matters</i></p> <p><i>Signs within Gardner Rd car park</i> – to Roads cttee</p> <p><i>Information Boards on Gun Hill by sky seat</i> apparently has incorrect information on it. All boards had been fact checked before issue. There is presently no funding to replace the Board. L and E to review again towards the financial year end to see what monies are available in budget.</p>	
8	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	TBC	