

Minutes of the meeting of the Leisure and Environment Committee held via Zoom on Friday 15th January 2021 at 6pm

AGENDA

Item	Subject	Details
1	Present	Cllrs Beavan, Goldsmith, Jordan, Rowan-Robinson, Windell. Also, the Town Mayor and Town Clerk and 4 members of the public.
2	Apologies and Declarations of Interest	Apologies were received from Cllr Ladd
3	Minutes of previous meeting	To note the Minutes of the previous meeting. The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 th November 2020 were approved and signed and had been noted at the previous Town Council meeting. It was noted that the potholes by the Golf Club have been reported to SCC.
	Standing Orders- public section.	A resident asked when the designs for the Ferry Road garden would be available? A resident advised that the water on the marshes bodes well for the spring nesting birds. A resident advised that on the Banana Marsh the grazier has moved the temporary fencing – the area contains ground nesting lapwings. The resident will send photographs and explain where they would like the fencing positioned. A resident advised that the amount of water on the marsh is a concern – greenkeeper at the Golf Club believes that some of the reeds are blocking up areas of the sluices/dykes.
4	Covid 19 – impacts update	<i>Play areas.</i> Skatepark and gym equipment have had to be closed off in line with the new Covid 19 Regulations. Tibbys Green is open – Cllr Windell requested that more signage about Covid guidelines be placed in the area. Skatepark – see below - resurfacing materials are ordered. Repairs will be carried out by a volunteer.
5	Environmental matters – timelines and completion dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ferry Road garden — <i>update by Cllr Goldsmith</i> –AONB volunteers have cleared the area and have carried out an extremely good job. Additional funding may be possible through external funding - Hopkins have been approached. Cllr Rowan Robinson advised that the AONB have done a very good job. A member of the public has mentioned that they would prefer it remaining as a wildlife area. Cllr Rowan Robinson advised that more PR will be required to ensure that the positive outcomes which the project is envisaging, is well communicated. • Common Trust/ Marshes report – STC actions agreed July 2020 – see report re Buss Creek marshes Splash Information Boards Path Might's Bridge – Bailey Bridge Path across Town Marsh Consider condition of all footpaths.

		<p>Cllr Rowan-Robinson provided an update on the water levels across the marshes.</p> <p>Sluices – both sluices are working as hard as they can (they drain at spring low tides – and the low tides are through to Tuesday). Cllr Rowan Robinson advised that the Town marshes drain through a single culvert. It was blocked again recently and Duncans have cleared this. Having checked it at 3pm today – it is working well and flowing freely. However, water levels are very high still – the system was designed some 200 years ago. Most years it does drain by springtime when the cattle come back – but they take time to drain.</p> <p>Other options – Durrants provided a 2015 report about the marshes and this proposed that a new pipe be included at the Harbour Inn to help the draining. This could be explored further with the EA – especially in view of the flooding of York Road. This could be a major project but could help the drainage of the marshes.</p> <p>In the longer term – i.e., 30 years – the sluices will not open at all – and pumps will need to be installed to drain the area. This will be an EA responsibility.</p> <p>Discussion – members considered that it would be a good idea to get the EA and SCC discussing this matter asap. Cllr Beavan advised that a multi-agency partnership has been set up and that the Town Council should be invited to this. This matter can then go this stakeholder group.</p> <p>Broader plans for Marsh area – will include information boards by the Splash, path by Buss Creek, and potentially a path across the town marshes.</p> <p>Cllr Rowan Robinson advised that the cttee has submitted its budget to the Town Council for priority projects 2021.22.</p>
6	Leisure and Other matters	<p><i>Tiles on wall at back of Electricity Green – replace direct on wall – Members were advised that the wall needs to be cleaned as well as the tiles, and then the mural replaced securely onto the wall. Cost is in the region of £1000. Coral to be asked to progress this matter.</i></p> <p><i>Skatepark improvements – Materials for the resurfacing have been ordered and a volunteer has offered to carry out the work. A larger community project will then commence to try and fund new facilities.</i></p> <p><i>Phone kiosk by Pier - £2k donation from a resident has been offered to install a defib at the Phone Box. Cllr Tobin has offered to assist with the project as he was the lead on the Victoria Street defib installation. Coral and Simon are progressing this project.</i></p>
7	Date of next meeting	Next L & E meeting to be held on Friday 5 th March 2021 at 2pm.

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