

11th January 2018

Minutes of the proceedings of the **Environment Committee** held this day in the **Kitty Dancy Room, Sandhurst Community Hall Complex, Sandhurst** commencing at **7.30pm** and finishing at **8.25pm**.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs P McKenzie
Councillor: N Allen, Mrs J Bettison, A Blatchford, M Brossard,
Mrs S Davenport, Mrs H Hill, P Hodge, Ms G Kennedy(Vice Chairman),
P Wallington, Mrs S Warren.

IN ATTENDANCE

Executive Officer (Angela Carey)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda item 1)

No apologies for absence received.

MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Agenda item 2)

There were no declarations of interest on the business to be discussed.

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (Agenda Item 3)

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs P McKenzie and the following was

**RESOLVED
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that the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 9th November 2017 (pages 0658-0660) are amended. Vice Chairman has been replaced with Chairman under those present as Cllr Ms G Kennedy was chairing the meeting. The minutes are then received as a true and correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman. (Unanimous)

PROPOSED PROJECTS (Agenda Item 4)

- a) An update was received on the suggested new bin in Pistachios car park. A new litter bin has been installed by BFC and they will be responsible for emptying it regularly.
- b) A request for new benches and bins from a member of the public around the area of St Michaels School and Lower Church Road was considered. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr M Brossard and seconded by Cllr Mrs P McKenzie and the following was

**RESOLVED
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that both the request for bins and benches are declined. After a site visit where a Cllr collected the rubbish from the area and presented it to the Committee it was decided that the need for a bin which would have ongoing cost implications was not deemed necessary. A regular litter pick is undertaken in this area by the Clean Team who are employed by Sandhurst Town Council. The Committee stated that installing a bench would impede the maintenance of the area for strimming and grass cutting as the available sites for a bench are limited and the only possibilities would be on grassed verges.

ACTION: EO



BRITAIN IN BLOOM – CHELSEA FRINGE (Agenda item 5)

An update was received concerning the suggested Chelsea Fringe Event. A meeting was held with interested members of the community. It was discussed that they would investigate any further interest among their peers and that a further meeting would be held on 16th January to confirm proposals. These suggestions will then be presented back to Jealotts Hill Community Landshare who are leading the initiative.

KEEP BRITAIN TIDY (Agenda item 6)

An update was received from Keep Britain Tidy, about their Great British Spring Clean Weekend. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs P McKenzie and the following was

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that STC participate in the event on Saturday 3rd March 2018. Volunteers will meet at 2pm at Shepherd Meadows where they will be given the appropriate equipment and routes. The Nepali Community and the 2nd Sandhurst Guides (RMA) have expressed an interest in joining the litter pick and will be contacted with the details. Cllr Mrs P McKenzie will arrange the maps planning the route.

ACTION: Cllr Mrs P McKenzie & Cllr M Brossard

FREEDOM MARCH (Agenda item 7)

An update was received on the event. It was confirmed that The RMA, TVP and Traffic Management Company are working together to plan the road closures and traffic lights sequences. Confirmed activities include a Military Band, The Gun Run, Duck Races, Gym displays, Nepalese Dancers, PT Challenges. Several acts have also been confirmed for the main stage. The next meeting will be on 24th January 2018.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE (Agenda item 8)

An update was received following the Remembrance Service. It was another successful event. £1685.31 was raised in the collection for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION (Agenda Item 9)

Cllr Mrs P McKenzie thanked the Councillors that volunteered to decorate the Christmas Trees.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS EVENT (Agenda item 10)

It was reported that the Christmas Lights Event was well received although the numbers were a little down on last year's attendance.

BUDGET REVIEW (Agenda Item 11)

An update was received concerning the proposed budget for the Environment Committee for 2018/19. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs P McKenzie and seconded by Cllr Mrs H Hill and the following was

**RESOLVED
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that there are two amendments made to the budget. Firstly that the reserves budget for Dog Fouling is increased to £5500 to enable the replacement of damaged dog waste bins around the Memorial Park and secondly that a new budget line of £500 is created to support the Chelsea Fringe initiative. This will be used to pay any associated costs. The



budget was accepted by the committee and will be presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee.

ACTION: EO

OUTSIDE BODIES REPORTS (Agenda item 12)

Cllr A Blatchford reported that he had attended a meeting of the Blackwater Valley Trust. They thanked STC and said they are appreciative of their financial contribution.

FOOTPATHS (Agenda item 13)

It was reported that the railway sleepers on the Edgbarrow Woods footpath were underwater due to the recent weather. It was also reported that there is a tree root raising the pavement on Calvert Walk footpath. Cllr M Brossard is currently liaising with BFC concerning this.

NOTICE BOARDS (Agenda item 14)

The Committee were informed that the notice boards are currently undergoing refurbishment by the Grounds Team.

PRESS AND PUBLICITY (Agenda item 15)

There were no additions requested by this meeting to press and publicity.

NEXT MEETING (Procedural item)

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 8TH March 2018.

**SIGNED AND DATED BY
CHAIRMAN**

