

12th March 2020

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 **8.46pm**.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Ms G Kennedy
Councillor: N Allen, M Brossard, Mrs S Davenport, P Hodge,
Mrs P McKenzie, Mrs M Mossom, R Mossom, P Panesar, M Vandersluis,
Mrs N York.

IN ATTENDANCE

Executive Officer (Angela Carey)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda item 1)

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors
Mrs J Bettison (Vacation)
B Brooks (Indisposed)
S Thomas (Vacation)

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 Ms G Kennedy and the following was

**RESOLVED
2101**

that the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 9th January 2020 (pages 0988-0990) are received as a true and correct record and that they been signed by the Chairman. (Unanimous)

KEEP BRITAIN TIDY (Agenda item 4)

- a) An update was received concerning the litter pick on 28th March 2020. The Committee were reminded that everyone should meet at 2.00pm at Shepherd Meadows Car Park. Cllr Brossard will collect the equipment for distribution from the Council Offices. The Nepalese Community will be joining the litter pick as well as some Guides. A suggestion from a local resident was received following an invitation to participate in the litter pick. This was to place signage on lamp posts concerning littering. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Ms G Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Mrs P McKenzie and the following was

**RESOLVED
2102**

that signage on lamp posts would not be appropriate as it could be a distraction for motorists. An article concerning littering will be written for publication in the Mayors Newsletter.

ACTION: Cllr Ms G Kennedy

- b) The local resident did not attend the meeting. Sandhurst Town Council would like to acknowledge the recent litter picking activities that have been led by Sean Laurie and would like to note their appreciation of the effort that has been made by him and his volunteers.



SPRING FLOWERS LOG (Agenda item 5)

The Committee were asked to assist in the creation of a log of areas that currently have spring flowers planted. This will assist the Committee when deciding where to plant bulbs in the Autumn. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Ms G Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Mrs P McKenzie and the following was

**RESOLVED
2103**

that each Councillor on the Environment Committee will walk their patch and report areas where spring flowers are planted to the office.

Suggestions for areas to plant in future bulb planting sessions can also be given to the office. All reports are to be received by 31st March 2020.

ACTION: All Councillors

SANDHURST TOWN BINS (Agenda item 6)

- a) The Committee were informed about the current situation with the bin that is situated at Wildmoor Heath/Thibet Road. This bin was not provided by Sandhurst Town Council or Bracknell Forest Council and as such is not being emptied by either Council. Previously a resident had been emptying the bin and putting the rubbish into her own bin. She became unable to continue with this due to ill health and a Councillor began to empty the bin. He has approached BFC to enquire if they would consider installing a bin in the area, but the request has been declined as this is not Council owned land. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Ms G Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Davenport and the following was

**RESOLVED
2104**

that a local resident can put a bin in the position, supply bags and empty it should they wish as it is an unadopted area. Sandhurst Town Council and its Councillors are not responsible for the bin or emptying the contents.

ACTION: EO

- b) The Committee were asked to consider the removal of the bin at Scotland Hill/School Hill as this has been suggested by BFC and a local resident due to persistent misuse and vandalism. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr N Allen and seconded by Cllr Ms G Kennedy and the following was

**RESOLVED
2105**

that the existing bin will be replaced with a new fixed bin and will continue to be included in the collection funded by Sandhurst Town Council.

ACTION: EO

VE DAY 2020 (Agenda item 7)

The Committee were asked to consider the purchase of a commemorative bench to acknowledge the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Ms G Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Mrs P McKenzie and the following was

**RESOLVED
2106**

that a bench is purchased to commemorate the occasion.



The Committee have requested that the bench is located somewhere near to the War Memorial and that there will be an official opening of the bench by the Mayor of Sandhurst.

ACTION: EO

OUTSIDE BODIES REPORT (Agenda item 8)

Cllr R Mossom reported that the Owlsmoor Community Centre meeting had been cancelled due to the Coronavirus situation.

Cllr P Panesar informed the Committee that there is a local resident who is arranging a meeting concerning Neighbourhood Watch in Sandhurst in conjunction with TVP. Details of the meeting will be communicated by the organiser via Facebook.

Cllr P Hodge informed the Committee that the Sandhurst Museum Trust have completed a new exhibition to celebrate 800 years of St Michaels Church.

FOOTPATHS (Agenda Item 9)

Nothing reported concerning STC footpaths, however, there have been a couple of issues with BFC footpaths being reported to Councillors by residents. In this circumstance the residents are being asked to report the issues directly to BFC.

NOTICEBOARDS (Agenda item 10)

A suggestion has been made that the STC notice on all boards is replaced.

PRESS AND PUBLICITY (Agenda item 11)

A request was made that the opening of the bench to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day is added to the press and publicity plan.

NEXT MEETING (Agenda item 12)

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 14th May 2020.

**SIGNED AND DATED BY
CHAIRMAN**

