

**14<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

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 **8.52pm**.

**PRESENT**

Chairman: Cllr Mrs S Davenport  
Councillor: N Allen, Mrs J Bettison, M Brossard, J Edwards,  
Mrs M Mossom, R Mossom, P Panesar, M Sanderson, S Thomas,  
P Wallington.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Executive Officer (Angela Carey)  
Cllr P Bettison  
Cllr Mrs H Hill

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda item 1)**

Apologies were received and accepted for the following Councillors-  
B Brooks (Indisposed)  
Ms G Kennedy (Indisposed)  
Mrs P McKenzie (Indisposed)  
M Vandersluis (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 Mrs S Davenport and seconded by Cllr P Panesar and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2687**

that the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (pages 1262-1266) are received as a true and correct record and that they been signed by the Chairman. (Unanimous)

Agenda item 13 moved up

**FOOTPATHS (Agenda Item 13)**

Cllr Mrs S Davenport reported that she had been contacted by a resident concerning the footpath at Fairmead Road. Photographs of the pathway were shared with the Committee. The area is extremely overgrown. Cllr N Allen confirmed that he has reported this to BFC and he has said that he will own this enquiry and chase it with the relevant department.

The Committee were informed that the pathway between Branksome Hill Road and College Road is being refurbished by BFC.

**CLIMATE CHANGE (Agenda item 4)**

An update was received from the Chairman of the working group, Cllr R Mossom. Investigations have been taking place concerning solar canopies and solar panels. Cllr Mrs H Hill has been reviewing the electricity consumption in the Council buildings and will be continuing with her investigations. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr R Mossom and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Davenport and the following was



**RESOLVED  
2688**

that due to the canopies costing in excess of £100,000 and the need for planning permission and disruption to the ground the project to install them is dismissed. The working group will continue to focus on solar panels and will provide full costings to the committee following their findings.

**ACTION: Cllr R Mossom**

**COMMUNITY FUND (Agenda item 5)**

The Committee received the quotes for the resurfacing of the pavement outside Boots the Chemist on Yorktown Road. The quotes are for the full path from the pavement to the doctors surgery. This enabled the Committee to discuss the possibility of adopting the pathway with full costings. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr N Allen and seconded by Cllr P Panesar and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2689**

that STC adopt the path that runs from the pavement, outside Boots the Chemist to the doctors surgery on Yorktown Road.

**ACTION: EO**

Following further discussion, it was proposed by Cllr M Sanderson and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2690**

that STC communicate with BFC to enquire if they would consider taking on the path from STC after adoption if STC repair it to the required standard.

**ACTION: EO**

**TREE PLANTING & WILDFLOWER PLANTING ON ROADSIDES  
(Agenda item 6)**

A suggestion from a resident was received concerning the planting of trees and wildflowers on the roadsides throughout the town. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr M Brossard and seconded by Cllr J Edwards and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2691**

that the planting of trees would be difficult due to the ongoing maintenance that would be required. Cllr M Brossard will investigate which wildflowers would thrive in the environment and he will deliver his findings to this Committee for consideration.

**ACTION: Cllr M Brossard**

**HEDGEHOGS R US (Agenda Item 7)**

The Committee received information on the Hedgehogs R Us Highway Project. Residents are also being encouraged to take part in the project by installing a highway gap in the fence to enable the movement of hedgehogs. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs S Davenport and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2692**

that STC purchase 50 of the hedgehog highways and offer them to residents at no charge. They will be available from the Council Office.



This will be a trial and it will be advertised via the website and social media.

**ACTION: EO**

**REPLACEMENT OF MAYORS PLAQUE (Agenda item 8)**

It has been brought to the attention of STC that a plaque commemorating the First Mayor of STC Cllr G Davis that was positioned on a bench in College Town is in need of repair. Further to the discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs S Davenport and seconded by Cllr P Panesar and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2693**

that a new plaque would be purchased and installed on the bench.

**ACTION: EO**

**EARLEY TOWN COUNCIL 26 FOR COP26 (Agenda item 9)**

A presentation was received from the Executive Officer regarding a project that Earley Town Council led in 2021. Due to the COVID restrictions they were unable to hold their usual Green Fayre (this includes stalls with sustainable goods that are naturally made) so they embarked on a series of events and activities which they tied in with the COP26 theme. These included making bird boxes, bat walks, clothes swap sessions, wordsearches, bug hotels and many more activities. A suggestion was made from the Committee that STC consider holding a Green Fayre in 2023. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs S Davenport and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2694**

that a working group is set up to discuss the possibilities of STC holding a Green Fayre. Cllrs Mrs J Bettison, Mrs H Hill, Mrs M Mossom and P Panesar have volunteered to be on the working group.

**ACTION: EO**

**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE (Agenda item 10)**

The format of the Remembrance Service was reviewed. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Davenport and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2695**

that the format remains unchanged for the 2022 service.

**ACTION: EO**

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS (Agenda item 11)**

A request was received for new lights to be purchased for the decoration of the Council Building. These will be string LED lights to replace the existing ones that are no longer fit for purpose. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs S Davenport and seconded by Cllr P Panesar and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2696**

that permission is given for new lights to be purchased.

**ACTION: EO**

**OUTSIDE BODIES REPORT (Agenda item 12)**

Nothing reported.

**FOOTPATHS (Agenda Item 13)**

Agenda item moved up.



**NOTICEBOARDS (Agenda item 14)**

Reports of posters being stapled to boards were received. A suggestion was made that STC stamp their approval on the front of posters going forward as items are getting ripped when Cllrs are checking if they are authorised.

It was also reported that the STC T&Cs has been removed from the notice board by the library.

**PRESS AND PUBLICITY (Agenda item 15)**

The Hedgehog Highways will be advertised on the STC website and facebook page.

**NEXT MEETING (Agenda item 16)**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

**SIGNED AND DATED BY  
CHAIRMAN**

