

14th September 2023

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 **8.18pm**.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs S Davenport
Councillor: N Allen, Mrs D Allum Wilson, Mrs J Bettison, M Brossard, J Edwards, B Hutchinson, C Ives, Mrs M Mossom, R Mossom, P Panesar (Vice Chairman).

IN ATTENDANCE

Executive Officer (Angela Carey)
Cllrs P Bettison, Mrs H Hill, Mrs L Quigg.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda item 1)

Apologies were received and accepted for the following Councillors-
M Butcher (Business)

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 Mrs M Mossom and the following was

RESOLVED 3033

that the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 13th July 2023 (pages 1430-1431) are received as a true and correct record and that they have been signed by the Chairman.

CLIMATE CHANGE (Agenda item 4)

An update was received from Cllr Mrs H Hill. It was confirmed that all of the quotes that have been received for the solar panels project were reviewed by the working group. Eight quotes were provided. The number of quotes for consideration by this Committee was then reduced to three companies following due diligence checks and ensuring that the companies were accredited. These three were asked to meet Councillors and provide quotes for the Little Sandhurst Community Hall. The quotes have been received however two previous quotes for the Community Hall at the Memorial Park had expired and the third company had not quoted for that building. Full quotes were obtained but were not ready to be fully presented to the Committee due to one only being received late today. Further to discussion, it was proposed by Cllr N Allen and seconded by Cllr Mrs D Allum Wilson and the following was

RESOLVED 3034

that the quotes are presented to the Environment Committee in full detail at the next meeting and a request is made to the Strategy & Policy Committee for a budget of £70,000 to spend on the project.

Action: EO



BENCH REQUEST (Agenda item 5)

An update was received further to resolution 2876. The bench was installed today.

NOISE POLLUTION (Agenda item 6)

The issue of the increased noise being created by loud vehicles was discussed by the Committee. Cllr Mrs L Quigg has been in contact with Thames Valley Police and provided the following update. PC Wong confirmed that action had been taken on some motorcyclists last weekend following anti-social behaviours. TVP have been receiving a large number of complaints about vehicles racing along Marshall Road and the car meets that are happening in the Tesco car park. PC Wong confirmed that he is having a meeting with Tesco. It has been confirmed that electric barriers will be installed and the car park will close overnight. ANPR cameras will also be installed.

These issues remain a police matter and should continue to be reported to TVP via 101.

BIODIVERSITY WORKSHOP (Agenda item 7)

Cllr M Brossard attended a biodiversity workshop at BFC recently. He reported that the main topics covered were trees and wildflowers being planted on verges on roadsides and hedgehogs and what can be done to encourage their environment by making gardens more accessible to them. The Committee were also informed that large developers must demonstrate how they will enhance biodiversity on their developments by 10%. This will be managed by Planning Authorities.

BULB PLANTING (Agenda item 8)

The location for bulb planting in the town was discussed. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs S Davenport and seconded by Cllr P Panesar and the following was

**RESOLVED
3035**

that the locations for the bulb planting for 2023 will be Wellington Road, St Marys Close, York Way and Crowthorne Road. The planting will be done by Sandhurst Town Councillors who will be assisted by the grounds staff and will take place on either the 10th or 11th October 2023(TBC) at 11.00am.

ACTION: EO

LITTER PICK (Agenda item 9)

Cllr Mrs S Davenport informed the Committee that she would like to arrange a litter pick. Further to discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs S Davenport and seconded by Cllr P Panesar and following was

**RESOLVED
3036**

that a litter pick would take place on Saturday 14th October 2023 starting at Shepherds Meadows at 2pm. It was also arranged that Cllr Mrs P Limbu would ask the Nepalese community to arrange volunteers to help.

Action: Cllr Mrs S Davenport



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE (Agenda item 10)

The Working Group meeting will be held on 20th September 2023. The Committee were asked to consider a suggestion that an area for crosses to be placed near the war memorial is created for the service. Further to discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr N Allen and the following was

**RESOLVED
3037**

that a small area near the war memorial will be designated for crosses.

Action: EO

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS EVENT (Agenda item 11)

The event plan was reviewed and discussed. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs S Davenport and seconded by Cllr R Mossom and the following was

**RESOLVED
3038**

that the existing schedule should be implemented again this year.

ACTION: EO

OUTSIDE BODIES REPORTS (Agenda item 12)

Cllr Mrs H Hill advised the Committee that she would be attending the AGM for the Blackwater Valley Trust on 9/11/23.

Cllr Mrs S Davenport reported that there is a meeting of the Blackbushe Consultative Committee next Thursday and that she would be unable to attend due to it being the same evening as the Leisure Committee Meeting. One of the other STC representatives is Cllr S Thomas. Following his resignation this leaves a space for another representative from STC. Cllr N Allen volunteered to attend on behalf of STC.

Cllr R Mossom reported that there was an incident at the Owlsmoor Community Centre recently where the hirers refused to leave at the correct time of their booking and became abusive to the caretaker.

FOOTPATHS (Agenda item 13)

Cllr M Brossard reported that he had spent time clearing the leaves from the footpath at Scotland Hill Road following resident's comments about the footpath.

Cllr C Ives reported that he had contacted BFC prior to the above actions about the footpath at Scotland Hill Road and they had provided cutting of vegetation and sweeping.

NOTICEBOARDS (Agenda item 14)

No issues were reported.

PRESS AND PUBLICITY (Agenda item 15)

No further additions to the press and publicity plan.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING (Agenda item 16)

The date of the next meeting is confirmed as 9th November 2023



**SIGNED AND DATED BY
CHAIRMAN**

