



Environment Committee – Minutes of Meeting Held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 20th February 2024 in the Reading Room, High Street, TISBURY, SP3 6LD

MEETING MINUTES

(*responsibility for action)

Questions or Statements

No questions or statements were received.

Those present:

Councillors R Buck (Chairman), V Hillier, I Lacey, J Mason, G Murray - 5.

Also In attendance:

B Cornish (Clerk)

One member of the public

EC 71.23 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Corp and Phillips.

EC 72.23 Declarations of Interest

Any Councillor wishing to declare interests should do so at this point:

- a. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests already declared in the Register of Interests: None.
- b. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests not previously declared in the Register of Interests: None.

EC 73.23 Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16th January 2024.

- **Approved, JM/GM;** unanimous.

EC 74.23 Matters Arising

To receive a report on the progress of matters discussed and actioned at previous meetings.

Women's Environment Network

Councillor Buck has circulated the information to all members of the committee.

Dark Skies Walk

Councillor Buck advised that he agreed date was Thursday 25th April.

Public Toilets ***RB/Clerk**

- The new ramp has been installed and 14 tonnes of top soil has been delivered and spread by Hope2Grow volunteers. Part of the Heras fencing was to be removed on 21st February, with the remainder staying in place until the area for the garden is completed.
- Sherborne Castle Gardens have agreed to support the Tisbury Gardening Club with the supply of a list of plants.
- Councillor Buck has sent an email to Ruth Barden asking for advice about rain gardens and Ruth Barden is asking experts. Planting would take place in March/April. This would be a joint project with an educational element showing people what they could do in their own gardens with the use of water butts etc.
- The Council could divert the guttering on the public toilets from the front and back and both could end up in the water butts in front of the toilets and then discharge into rain garden.
- Councillor Buck will provide a timeline and what needs to be done when. What the costs are and what the sponsorship costs are.
- There will be a further meeting on this project on 28th February at 6 pm in the Reading Room prior to a recommendation being made to the Council.

EC 75.23 Biodiversity Policy ***Clerk**

To consider whether to make contact with St John's Parochial Church Council regarding its approach to biodiversity management in its churchyard.

- **Approved; VC/JM**; unanimous for Parish Council to contact the Parochial Church Council.

EC 76.23 Sharing Knowledge and Experience with Sturminster Newton Town Council

To consider ways in which Tisbury Parish Council could work with Sturminster Newton Town Council on biodiversity net gain.

- **Deferred due to lack of time; VC/JM**; unanimous.

EC 77.23 South West Mobility Strategy ***JM**

To consider a proposal from Councillor Mason that Tisbury Parish Council explores the opportunity to become a pilot village within the South West Mobility Strategy:

- **Recommended that JM put forward an initial proposal; RB/GM**; unanimous.

EC 78.23 Tisbury Children's Community Garden ***GM/Clerk**

To receive a report from Councillor Phillips on this year's plans for the Community Garden:

- **Actions were approved as follows; GM/JM**; unanimous
Councillor Murray and the Clerk to meet with the Treasurer of the Children's Community Garden to establish whether its bank account is still open and to pass over any funds held for them to the Clerk to be paid into the Council's bank account.
Likewise, all monies held by existing volunteers to be passed to the Clerk for them to be paid into the Council's bank account.
All decisions on the Children's Community Garden are to be deferred until everything is resolved.

EC 79.23 Community Orchard

To consider a proposal from Councillor Buck to plant a living willow hedge on the boundary of the Community Orchard with the skatepark:

- **Deferred due to lack of time; Chair;** unanimous.

EC 80.23 Energy Efficiency of the Reading Room *RB/GM

To consider a proposal from Councillor Buck to assess the energy management of the Reading Room:

- **Actions were approved as follows; GM/VH;** unanimous
Councillor Buck to obtain a quote for an energy efficiency assessment to be undertaken.
Councillor Murray to look into obtaining timers for the radiators and to check whether the roof is insulated to the correct standard.

EC 81.23 Date of Next meeting

Councillor Buck confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 6 pm at the Reading Room.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 19.23 pm.