



Environment Committee – Minutes of Meeting Held at 6 pm on Monday 6th March 2023 at 6 pm in the Reading Room, High Street, TISBURY, SP3 6LD

MEETING MINUTES

(*responsibility for action)

Those present:

Councillors R Buck (Chairman), V Hillier, J Mason, G Murray (until 7 pm), J Phillips and I Lacey - 6.

Also In attendance:

B Cornish (Clerk)

2 members of the public

A member of the public, David Holroyd, gave a brief summary of his background and his work as Head of Water Quality for Wiltshire Fisheries. He said that the data held on the health of the Nadder River goes back to 2015. The testing group was made up of three professionals including a former water company CEO and a barrister. It has pushing hard against Wessex Water and the Environment Agency. He also said that a chalk stream environment has world importance as it is unique and the Nadder River is unique. From an ecological point of view, it is very important and parts of it include major spawning areas for Atlantic salmon.

Phosphate levels discharging out of the sewage treatment works were increasing. Effluent from the Station Works development will still go to the sewage works and then through to the river Nadder which will affect invertebrate numbers. There is evidence to show that the Wyndham Estate had a knock-on effect to the increase in levels and Station Works will add to it again.

He said he and the team would be happy to put a response together to submit to the Phosphate Mitigation consultation.

EC 23.03.06.01

Apologies

- None.

EC 23.03.06.02

Minutes

Approval of minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th February 2023.
Deferred to next meeting.

EC 23.03.06.03

Matters Arising

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

- Deferred to next meeting.

EC 23.03.06.04

Shaftesbury Great Big Green Week 10-18 June

To agree plans for activities to be held during the Great Big Green Week and how these will be organised and communicated to the community:

- Deferred to next meeting.

EC 23.03.06.05

Stationmaster's House

To receive a report from Councillor Mason on a recent meeting he attended with Councillor Lacey and representatives of South Western Railway to review the options for the use of the Stationmaster's House and to consider making any recommendations to the Parish Council:

- Deferred to next meeting.

EC 23.03.06.06

Environmental Planning Guidance for Local Councils from the Society of Local Council Clerks

To consider the guidance document and any actions which the Committee could recommend to the Parish Council for implementation in the coming financial year 2023/24:

- Deferred to next meeting.

EC 23.03.06.07

Station Works Inquiry Phosphate Mitigation Consultation

To consider how best to inform the community of the forthcoming short consultation on Intelligent Land's proposals for phosphate mitigation which have been submitted to the Station Works Inquiry:

Councillor Buck gave a brief overview of what was required regarding the submitting of a response to the Phosphate Mitigation consultation set up by the Planning Inspector to the Station Works Inquiry.

There was a requirement for the developer to compensate for overdevelopment for the number of homes over the figure of 60 specified in the Neighbourhood Plan with phosphate mitigation. It was asked in March 2022 to come up with a mitigation strategy but not very much has been done. The current plan was to sign an agreement with the Ecological Farmers Association and they will take an acreage out of production for up to 80 years for a cost of around £20k per acre.

Inspector agreed to put strategy out to public consultation. Technical papers are on the appeal website.

Councillor Buck thanked Mr Holgate for attending the meeting and for briefing the Committee on his work, phosphate mitigation and the importance of the River Nadder.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that members of the Committee would carry out some research into how a response could be put together, approved by the Parish Council and sent before the deadline of 22nd March 2023.

- **Approved RB/JP**; unanimous.

EC 23.03.06.08

HM The King's Coronation

To consider how best to mark the Coronation from an 'environment' perspective and make any recommendations to the Parish Council.

- Deferred to next meeting.

EC 23.03.06.09

Date of Next meeting

To agree the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 28th March 2023 at 6 pm in the Reading Room.

With no further business the meeting closed at 19.50