

Stone Town Council – Environment Sub-Committee

Minutes of the meeting held in St Michaels Suite, Frank Jordan Centre on Tuesday 17 October 2017

- PRESENT:** Councillor P. Leason in the Chair and
Councillors: A. Osgathorpe, Mrs M. Goodall, R. Kenney, M. Shaw and
Mrs J. Piggott
- By Chairman's invitation: M. Green, Mrs E. Mowatt, M. Williamson and
I. Fordham
- ABSENT:** Councillors: Mrs K. Green and G. Neagus
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ENV18/001 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs K. Green and G. Neagus

ENV18/002 **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

None received

ENV18/003 **Representations from Members of the Public**

None

ENV18/004 **Members' Motions under Standing Order 4**

Councillor Mrs Goodall

'To discuss the current condition of Crown Meadow'

Councillor Mrs Goodall advised the Sub-Committee that she and Councillor Williamson had recently undertaken a survey of Crown Meadow and noted the following observations:

- There is litter around the benches in the area by the amphitheatre. This area is popular with young people
- Two requests have been received for the paths across the meadow to be paved or gravelled
- The gate has been fitted to the entrance, which is looking good
- Fencing is broken on fisherman's car park
- The information board requires a clean
- The concrete paths and benches are in good order
- The scrapes need some attention. Reeds need removing. The lower scrapes have disappeared since the bull rushes have been removed and

there is now an infestation of Himalayan Balsam

- Approximately 50 trees were planted six years ago. Only two of these trees now remain
- The Riverbank is contaminated with Himalayan Balsam

RECOMMENDED:

- That the Grounds Maintenance Contractor is asked to look at repairing the fence and clean the noticeboard
- That the Grounds Maintenance Contractor is asked to consider what could be done at the scrapes (lower)
- That the Biodiversity Officer at Stafford Borough Council is asked to undertake a full survey of the Crown Meadow site and report back with his findings to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee
- That the suitability of the trees previously planted be investigated by the Grounds Maintenance Contractor
- That the path across Crown Meadow is put on the agenda for consideration at a future meeting of the Sub-Committee

Town Mayor