

# Stone Town Council – Environment Sub-Committee

## Minutes of the meeting held in St Michael's Suite, Frank Jordan Centre, Lichfield Street, Stone, on Tuesday 18 December 2018

**PRESENT:** Councillor P. Leason in the Chair and  
Councillors: R. Kenney, J. Davies, Mrs E. Mowatt and M. Shaw

By Chairman's invitation: Mrs J. Hood

**ABSENT:** Councillors: Mrs K. Green, M. Green, Mrs J. Piggott and Mrs M. Goodall

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**ENV19/008**    **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors: Mrs K. Green, M. Green, Mrs J. Piggott and Mrs M. Goodall

**ENV19/009**    **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

None received

**ENV19/010**    **Representations from Members of the Public**

None

**ENV19/011**    **Budget 2019-20 to 2021-22**

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Town Clerk\* which considered the level of budget that the Sub-Committee may wish to recommend to the General Purposes Committee meeting on 22 January 2019 for services under its control.

RECOMMENDED: That the budget figures included in the Clerk's report are accepted, with the addition of appropriate provision for:

- Maintenance of unregistered, uncultivated land in Abbey Street
- Provision of additional water taps at the Town Council's Newcastle Road allotment site.

**ENV19/012**    **Work on the Scrapes**

The Sub-Committee received a report from the Chairman on his visit to Crown Meadow with the Grounds Maintenance contractor. The scrape nearest the river was noted to be overgrown with vegetation.

It was suggested that a community planting exercise be undertaken, similar to a previous one held in 2007-8 when 3000 plants were brought to Crown Meadow.

RECOMMENDED: That the Grounds Maintenance contractor is asked to clear the overgrown vegetation from a number of areas around the perimeter of the scrape (nearest the river) so that the wild flowers that grow there can be viewed when in bloom. The work should be undertaken in the spring of 2019.

RECOMMENDED: That a community planting exercise is considered for the planting of new wild flowers on Crown Meadow.

**ENV19/013 Tree and Hedge Planting**

The Sub-Committee had previously considered an invitation from CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) Staffordshire as supporters of the 'Woodland Trust's Charter for Trees' campaign to explore suitable locations where new trees could be planted in the parish.

The Sub-Committee received a report from the Chairman following his visit to Crown Meadow with the Grounds Maintenance contractor. He advised that an area they considered suitable for tree planting, had been identified.

RECOMMENDED: That the location identified in Crown Meadow is recommended for tree planting and that this is undertaken through a community tree planting project.

**ENV19/014 Reports of Working Groups**

- Plastic Free Community & Environmental Issues Working Group

The Chairman advised the Sub-Committee that no meeting had been arranged as yet. He informed the Sub-Committee that Tracey Lindop had asked to be co-opted onto the Working Group.

RECOMMENDED: That Tracey Lindop is co-opted to the Plastic Free Community & Environmental Issues Working Group.

**Town Mayor**