

Stone Town Council – Environment Sub-Committee

Minutes of the meeting held in St Michael's Suite, Frank Jordan Centre, Lichfield Street, Stone, on Tuesday 19 March 2019

PRESENT: Councillor P. Leason in the Chair and
Councillors: J. Davies, Mrs M. Goodall, Mrs K. Green, M. Green, Mrs E. Mowatt
and M. Shaw

By Chairman's invitation: I. Fordham and M. Williamson

ABSENT: Councillors: R. Kenney and Mrs J. Piggott

ENV19/015 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors: R. Kenney and Mrs J. Piggott

ENV19/016 **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

None received

ENV19/017 **Representations from Members of the Public**

None

ENV19/018 **Updates**

To consider updates on matters from previous Minutes:

a) **Leaflet on the Meadow**

Minute Number ENV19/005:

That the costs of producing an information leaflet be investigated by Councillor Leason, and the findings reported back to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee

The Chairman advised the Sub-Committee that the leaflet illustrating flora and fauna on Crown Meadow was making progress. Photographs of the plants growing on the Meadow would be taken when in bloom.

The leaflets would be distributed from boxes and one would be located on the Anglers car park

b) Community Planting Exercise

Minute Number ENV19/012:

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

The Chairman advised the Sub-Committee that one of the scrapes was in need of replanting and he was looking to organise a community planting exercise with Brownie, Cub and Beaver groups. Consideration would be given to extending the exercise to a whole community day.

It was suggested that Stafford Borough Council's Ecologist be consulted before the planting is undertaken to establish the most suitable plants for the location.

c) Tree & Hedge Planting – Charter for Trees Campaign

Minute Number ENV19/013:

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

The Chairman reminded the Sub-Committee that an area suitable for tree planting had been identified. He suggested getting in touch with some of the organisations celebrating milestone birthdays this year such as the Rotary Club and Stone Lions, to ask whether they would like to be involved with the tree planting to mark their occasions.

It was agreed that arboricultural advice should be taken before going ahead with the project to maximise the likelihood of a long term good result. There is also a collapsed drain in the vicinity which requires remedial action.

The Sub-Committee considered the benefits of planting in locations that would stop vehicular parking on grassed areas. This is happening more frequently now that the free Crown Wharf car park is not available. The creation of a tree lined avenue would be an attractive addition to the perimeter of the site.

RESOLVED: To note the updates on matters from previous Minutes.

ENV19/019 Reports of Working Groups

- Plastic Free Community & Environmental Issues Working Group

The Chairman advised the Sub-Committee that a meeting of the Working Group would be held on Tuesday 9 April 2019.

RESOLVED: To note the progress report on the work of the group.

Town Mayor