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Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT SUB COMMITTEE** will be held in the **Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone**, on **TUESDAY 18 JUNE 2019** at 7:10pm or on the rising of the Tourism & Town Promotion Sub-Committee, if later.

I trust you will be able to attend.

Les Trigg
Town Clerk

Councillors: P Leason (Chair), T. Adamson (Vice Chair), K. Argyle, Mrs A. Burgess, M. Hatton, T. Kelt, J. Powell and R. Townsend

AGENDA

1. **To receive apologies for absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations Received**
3. **Representations from Members of the Public**

To consider representations from members of the public on items to be considered at this meeting, in accordance with the Council's scheme of public participation

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Sub-Committee held on 19 March 2019, Minute No's ENV19/015 - ENV19/019 (attached)

5. **Membership of Working Groups**

To consider membership of the following working groups:

- Single Use plastics and Environmental Issues

6. **Members Motions Under Standing Order 4**

Councillor T. Adamson

Stone Town Council should declare a climate emergency in common with an increasing number of other councils throughout the country. We have 12 years to act to reduce the effects of climate change and as a Town Council we need to be clear that we want to address this emergency.

It is proposed that the Town Council:

- 1. Publicly declares a climate emergency.*
- 2. Sets a target that Stone should become carbon neutral by 2030.*
- 3. Assigns a climate emergency working group reporting to the Environment Sub-Committee. This group should co-opt members to ensure that it represents a cross section of the community. It should look at all aspects of how Stone could become carbon neutral.*
- 4. Puts pressure on the Borough and County Councils to also declare a climate emergency.*
- 5. Puts environmental impact as a higher priority in making decisions and considers how its decisions impact the goal of carbon neutrality.*

7. **Updates**

To consider updates on matters from previous Minutes:

a) Leaflet on the Meadow

Minute Number ENV19/005 & ENV19/018:

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

b) Community Planting Exercise

Minute Number ENV19/012 & ENV19/018:

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

c) Tree & Hedge Planting – Charter for Trees Campaign

Minute Number ENV19/013 & ENV19/018:

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

8. **Reports of Working Groups**

- Plastic Free Community and Environmental Issues Working Group

Will any Councillors who wish to speak at this meeting, but are not members of the Sub-Committee, please inform the Chairman before the start of the meeting

Members of the public are welcomed to attend the Environment Sub-Committee Meeting as observers and/or to make representations to the committee in accordance with the Council's scheme of public participation. Details of this scheme are displayed in the Council's notice boards and are also available from the Town Council.

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