

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

10th July 2024, 7.30pm

The Guildhall

Cllr C Martin (Chair)	Present	Cllr Golding	Apologies
Cllr Cook	Apologies	Cllr Perkin	Apologies
Cllr Coniam	Present	Cllr Saunders	Substitute
Cllr Eyre	Present	Martin Collins	Present
Cllr Gibson	Present	Matthew Hatchwell	Apologies

In Attendance:

Rob Gibbs

099. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Cook, Cllr Perkin and Mathew Hatchwell. Cllr Golding was substituted by Cllr Saunders.

100. Declarations of Interest

None.

101. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

It was proposed by Cllr Eyre, seconded by Cllr Coniam, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Environment Committee dated 12th June 2024, with the following amendments;**

- **097-remove s from Cllr Eyre.**
- **093-plant based food.**
- **095- re planter in Hatch Street Cllr Saunders**

Martin Collins joined the meeting 19:33

102. Co-option of Non-Council Members

Received forms from Martin Collins- Representative of Friends of the Earth and his co-option was ratified.

103. Update Reports

No updates were given on the following due to the absence of members from the meeting.

- Stonebridge Siltation
- Pesticide Free status
- Graffiti

104. Local Council Award Scheme

Item added onto the next agenda.

105. Making Space for Nature

It was noted to consider and agree the survey.

106. Tree Week

It was agreed to consider purchasing Tree whips. It was also noted that when given away, we give out more information with the tree's, i.e. instructions/ fact sheets/ photos.

Cllr Gibson joined the meeting 19:49

107. Bat Walk and Activities

An update was given on the events. Cllr Saunders noted is a bat box could be added to the woodland area near Wildish Road, opposite Athol Place. Cllr Gibson said he was happy to scope out the area for a suitable tree for this.

108. Interpretation Panel at Westbrook

Update was received.

109. Allotments

An update was received from Facilities. Cllr Eyre for an update on the allotment vandalised. Also, that Cllr Eyre is awaiting on Facilities for a date to do an allotment walk.

098. Items for Report

- Planters Equipment
- Local Council Award Scheme
- Tree Whips (purchase cost, event)
- Stonebridge Siltation
- Dog waste bags- report on usage/ feedback.

Meeting finished 20:04