



**Minutes of Environment Committee held in the Bridgwater Room on Wednesday 24
January 2024 at 10:00**

Present:

Kathy Pearce (Chair), Dave Loveridge, Jacqui Solomon, Liz Leavy, Tim Mander.

Officers: David Mears (Town Clerk), Lorna Williams (DSO)

ENV2024-1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (LGA 1972 S85 (1))

RESOLVED: Apologies were received from Cllrs Hubble, Lilley and Morgan who had work commitments.

ENV2024-2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)

There were no declarations.

ENV2024-3 TO RECEIVE, APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18 OCTOBER 2023 (LGA 1972 SCH 12, PARA 41(1))

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Environment Committee held on 18 October 2023 were signed as a correct record

ENV2024-4 TO NOTE THE ACTION LIST

RESOLVED: The Action List was noted

ENV2024-5 PARKS AND OPEN SPACES To receive options for new bins

Bridgwater currently have 80 dog bins and approximately 200 litter bins

The Committee considered the options for new and replacement bins and **RESOLVED** to purchase 30 bins, the Derby Tripple (recycling sections) – Green for the parks and Black/Gold lettering for the Town Centre and to have the Town Council logo on the side. Westleigh for the Town Centre



ENV2024-6 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE CLERK ON THE RESULTS OF THE TREE SURVEY

The Clerk had spoken to Chris from Somerset Council regarding the tree survey, he has said that there isn't anything urgent or serious, just routine maintenance we can do ourselves like epicormic growth, ivy removal and crown raising etc. There are some dead elm trees in the hedge at Bristol Road cemetery just after the yew trees on the right hand side just before the car park, they are safe but will need to be removed in the future, I have asked for a quote for this work to be carried out.

Currently the Town Council look after 300 trees but on transfer of Parks and Open Spaces it will be 1800 trees. There is £10k in the Tree Survey budget for next year.

ENV2024-7 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE CEMETERIES SUPERVISOR

RESOLVED: The report was noted.

ENV2024-8 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE FACILITIES MANAGER ON ALLOTMENTS

RESOLVED: The report was noted.

ENV2024-9 TO RECEIVE A FIRST DRAFT OF THE CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY

RESOLVED: The first draft Strategy was noted.

It was suggested that the Interviews for the Amenity Director should include asking for additional suggestions and improvements to the Strategy.

ENV2024-10 SEED THE DAY To receive an update from Cllr Pearce.

RESOLVED that the Chair will liaise with the Events and Community Development Officer

ENV2024-11 TO RECEIVE AN ORAL UPDATE FROM CLLR PEARCE REGARDING SALC AND HEALTH AND WELLBEING AND WHERE GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE

RESOLVED: To keep this on record for when the new Grant Officer is in post

ENV2024-12 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING Wednesday 27 March 2024

RESOLVED: Date of next meeting Wednesday 27th March 2024

The Chairman closed the meeting at **11:00**

Signed.....

Dated.....