

REPORT of the Meeting of the Environment
Committee held 13th November 2018

Present: Cllrs: Matt Stringer (Chairman)
Vincent Costello
Clare Fardell
Helen Harrison
Shirley Holloway
Pam Shipp
Angela Symonds
Martin Trueman

Felicity Harrison (Sustainable Thornbury)
Judith Hurford (Tree Warden)

Sandra Richardson (Deputy Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: Cllrs:
Guy Rawlinson (Other Commitment)
Brett Harrison (Composting Site, Filnore Alltments and Woods)
Jeff Pead (Thornbury Ramblers)

2. TO RECEIVE ANY MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORT OF MEETING OF 9.10.18

(a) Fairtrade Status

A letter had gone out in the past week to traders in the town requesting information on any Fairtrade goods that they might sell. A couple of replies had been received and members agreed that they would give time for replies to be submitted and then review the situation before moving to the next stage of compiling the list of information.

(b) Seating in the Town

(i) Seat on Streamside Walk

There had been no progress on this item

(ii) Seat at Malvern Drive

The Deputy Clerk reported that at present the seat had not been sited but hoped that it would be in the near future.

(iii) Seats at Gillingstool

The Deputy Clerk informed members that on revisiting the site identified by South Gloucestershire Council as a possibility for the re-siting of this seat she felt that it was perhaps too close to the residents gateways. Members agreed to visit the site before making a definite decision.

(c) Walks Booklet Information

There was noting further to report on this item

(d) Solar Panels on Pavilion

It was reported that as the feed in tariff was due to drop in January 2019 and end in April that year council had agreed to move this project forward. The deputy clerk reported that she had received one firm quote but would try to obtain more and if necessary hold an extraordinary meeting to move this project forward to gain the full feed in tariff

(e) Siting of Litterbin in Vilner Lane

The bin had been installed and it was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

(f) Planting Of The Roundabout At Grovesend

The deputy clerk had nothing to report at this time but it was hoped to have some costings etc for the new year.

(g) Plastic Free Thornbury

It was reported that both Manorbrook and Crossways schools were looking to reduce the amount of plastics used in their premises.

(h) Toilet Scheme

It was felt that if this committee were to take on the toilet scheme then it would be advantageous for the budget to be included under the environment committee heading.

It was suggested that eye catching signage be produced for the participants to display in their premises.

4. MATTERS IN PROGRESS

(a) Schedule of Minor Matters

A list of reported minor matters had been circulated with the agenda and the information was noted.

5. OPERATIONAL REPORT

(a) Operational Matters

The deputy clerk reported that a resident whose property ran parallel to the open space at Thicket Walk had requested that a tree on the open space was overhanging his garden and could it be cut back lightly. This would be included in tree works on the area.

(b) Community Composting Site Report

Members were informed that the last minutes should have read that a new person would be trained to be the chainsaw expert at the site due to the previous member leaving the area.

(c) Filnore Allotments Report

It was reported that a new secretary had been appointed for the organisation.

(d) Filnore Woods Report

A report was tabled and the information noted.

(e) Medieval Fishponds

Mr Duff had completed initial studies and assessments etc and would like to meet with councils representative and the developers to gain everyones views on the matter. It was agreed to contact Mr Duff and find out more.

(f) Tree Wardens Report

The tree warden reported that a tree on Gloucester Road had been vandalised.

She would be attending the Playing Fields and Cemetery meeting later in the week to discuss the siting of more trees on Oakleaze Green. At this meeting she would also ask committee if they had any ideas as to where she could plant further trees.

(g) Sustainable Thornbury Report

Felicity Harrison reported that the group were looking at a programme of events for 2019 and had several ideas. The group were also trialing a drop in service available in Hawkes House on the first Wednesday of each month where they were hoping to appeal to younger people.

(h) Footpath Warden's Report

The footpath warden had nothing to report.

(i) Thornbury Ramblers Report

There was nothing to report from the rambling club.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence had been received.